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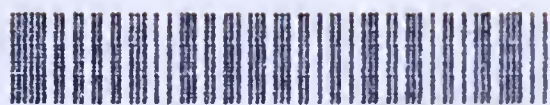
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MASONIC TEMPLE,

PHILADELPHIA

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL
GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

DURING THE YEAR A.D. 1916—A.L. 5916

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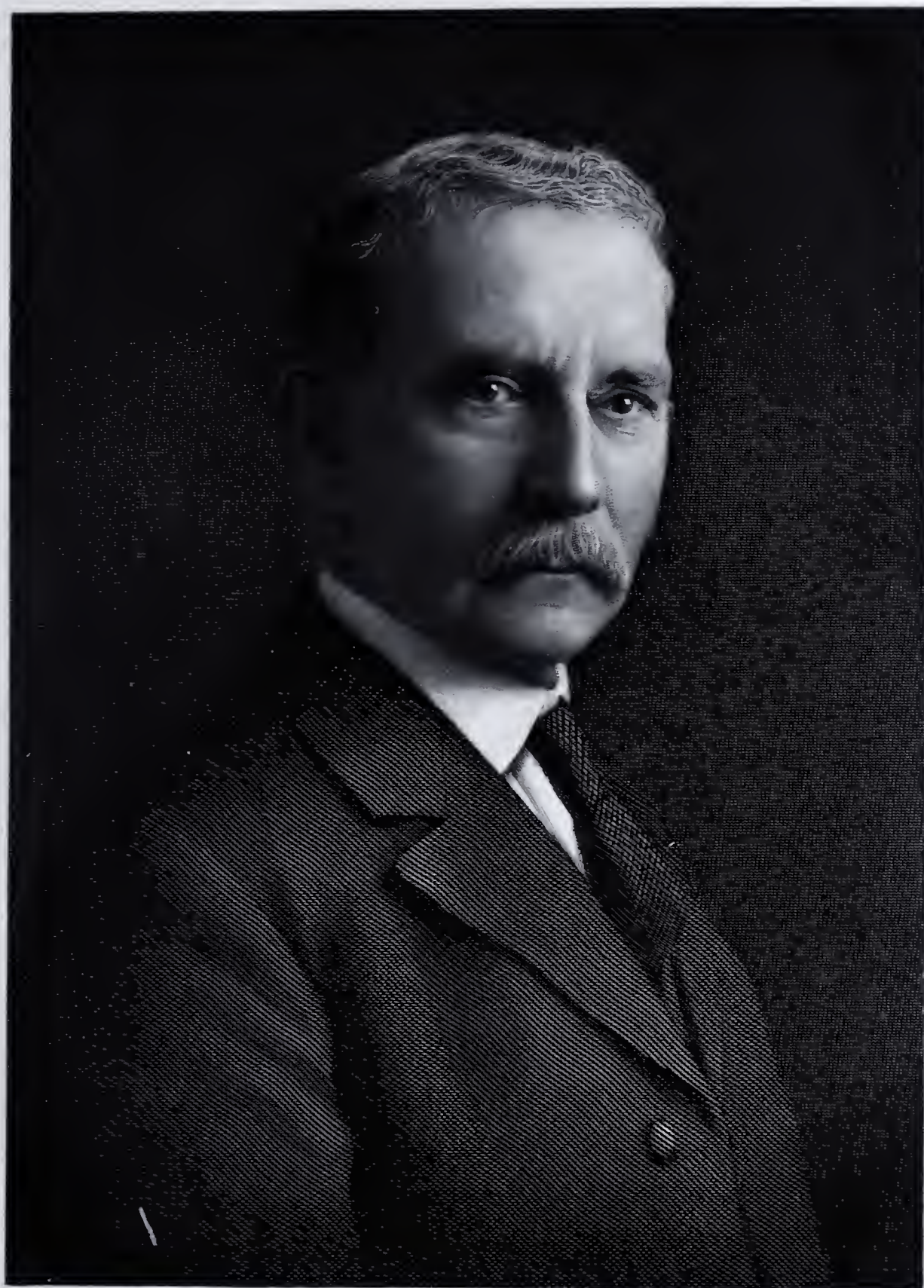
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Louis A. Watres

P. W. Grand Master.

1916-1917.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, February 29, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN C. TAYLOR . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ SAMUEL A. BOYLE . . .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ JOHN E. McCULLY . . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
“ JOHN W. CODDING . . .	
“ S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ W. HARRISON WALKER . .	
“ WILLIAM J. GEALY . . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . .	

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

Bro. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH .	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL .		
“ WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR		
“ ERNEST L. WENTWORTH ..		
“ IRA G. ROSS		
“ WILLIAM D. MCILROY .		
“ BENJAMIN PAGE . . .		
“ ALBERT C. ROHLAND . .		
“ SION B. SMITH	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ J. GRAY BOLTON		
“ FRANK B. LYNCH . . .		
“ THOMAS M. JACKSON .		
“ RICHARD MONTGOMERY .		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ THOMAS H. FENTON . .		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . .		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. WREN . .		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ HORACE E. CAMPBELL .		<i>As Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON . .		<i>As Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . .		

One hundred and sixteen Lodges represented.

A large number of the members of Washington Lodge, No. 59, University Lodge, No. 610, and many members of other Lodges in this and other Jurisdictions were present in the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 1 o'clock, 5 minutes, P.M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master stated that Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters Brothers GEORGE B. ORLADY, GEORGE W. GUTHRIE and J. HENRY WILLIAMS were unable to be present on

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

account of absence from the City in the performance of their official duties.

Brother HARRY J. GUTHRIE, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Delaware, and Brother THOMAS KITE, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, were admitted with the customary honors.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced that Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., was born July 31, 1841, in the City of Philadelphia. He was initiated August 27, 1863, crafted September 24, 1863, and raised October 22, 1863, in Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, Free and Accepted Masons, at Germantown, Philadelphia County. He resigned therefrom January 10, 1867, and was admitted a member of Washington Lodge, No. 59, Philadelphia, March 12, 1867. He served as Grand Master during the years 1906 and 1907, and died at his home in this City, February 26, 1916, at the age of 74 years, 6 months and 24 days.

The Masonic Burial Service was then performed.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM L. GORGAS, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Delaware, Brother HARRY J. GUTHRIE, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE, Brother J. GRAY BOLTON, Grand Chaplain, Brother O. LA FORREST

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

PERRY of Lodge No. 610, Brothers GEORGE HESS and THOMAS KITE addressed the Grand Lodge and eulogized our late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 2 o'clock, 5 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, March 1, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916.

PRESENT :

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Master.</i>
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ THOMAS BIDDLE ELLIS .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . .	
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . .	
“ JOHN E. McCULLY . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . .	
“ JENKIN HILL	
“ JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ JOHN W. CODDING . . .	
“ S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY	

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“ W. HARRISON WALKER .	
“ WILLIAM J. GEALY . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . .	
“ JOHN S. WALLACE . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .	
“ RALPH M. ALLISON . .	
“ R. KAY PORTSER . . .	
“ JOHN M. CORE	
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . .	
“ HOWARD C. FRONTZ . .	
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ JAMES K. SCOTT	
“ WILLIAM A. JORDAN . .	
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL .	
“ JOHN G. BROAD	
“ WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR	
“ ERNEST L. WENTWORTH .	
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“ JOHN A. CAUGHEY . . .	
“ BENJAMIN PAGE	
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“ SION B. SMITH	
“ J. GRAY BOLTON	
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT .	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ A. LAWRENCE MILLER .	
“ FRANCIS M. TAIT	
“ ETHELBERT TALBOT . . .	
“ THOMAS H. FENTON . . .	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
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“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 1, 1916.

One hundred and eighty-nine Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock, 5 minutes, P.M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 1, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915, and of the Annual Grand Communication, held December 27, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915, were read and separately approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from W. W. K. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from E. R. W. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 21, 155, 226, 300, 342, 389, 415, 432, 440, 453, 456, 461, 464, 495, 505, 527, 530, 556, 572, 578, 583, 603, 628, 642, 643, 646, 655, and 674 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 52, be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article VI, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 259, be amended by striking out the words, "a vote of the Lodge or" and "payable on or before St. John's Day of each year," and that as so amended it be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1916.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 1, 1916.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Printing and Publishing respectfully reports that the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year 1915 are now in process of preparation.

The edition consists of five thousand volumes, one hundred of which will be bound in half-morocco. In addition to the illustration of the Masonic Temple, a portrait of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES MILNOR, who honored the Chair with his presence from 1806 to 1813, will be included. The well-known publishing house of J. B. Lippincott Company of Philadelphia has the work now in hand.

This year the volume will be smaller in number of pages than the Proceedings of 1914, owing to there being no report of the Committee on Correspondence.

And now, Brethren, notwithstanding the many eulogies that have already been paid by the various bodies of which our late esteemed Brother M. RICHARDS MUCKLÈ was an honored member, it is both fitting and proper that this report should not close without our words of commemoration, which, though late, may remain, like the evergreen, our last tribute. He was undoubtedly a man with a wonderful personality. He formed many warm, firm and lasting friendships, his genial disposition caused him to be continually sought after, and he died a beautiful example of Masonic life.

Brother MUCKLÈ was born September 10, 1825. He was appointed to the Committee on Printing and Publishing and made its Chairman on December 27, 1890, and ceased labor on March 30, 1915. It can be well said of our Brother that he wrought both faithfully and well. Neither advanced age nor inclement weather ever prevented him from being at his post of duty, after being notified of a meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee held a meeting in honor of our late Brother on May 27, 1915, when suitable resolutions were read and adopted. We all realize that the Committee on Printing and Publishing has lost a faithful and efficient officer, and those of us who were most closely associated with him, a devoted friend.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

In concluding this report, your Committee offers the following resolution :

Resolved, That a steel plate engraving of Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES be procured and appear as part of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year 1916.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. BELLOWS,
EDWARD A. STOCKTON,
G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,
FRANCIS J. CALLAHAN,
FREDERICK H. MACINTYRE,

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1916.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted :

WHEREAS, In the will of our late Brother, GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER, it is provided :

“ Second, I give and devise the residence in which I now residé on Marietta Avenue to ‘ the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,’ in trust, nevertheless, to sell the same, either at public or private sale, for the best price that may be gotten for the same, and with the proceeds thereof to erect a memorial building, the use of the same to be determined by said Lodge, the name of Groezinger, however, to appear as part of the designation title or name of such building, which building is to be erected on the grounds at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, where a new home is now being erected for aged and infirm Masons.”

And WHEREAS, An offer for the said property has been made to the Committee on Masonic Homes, which offer the said Committee has under consideration, but which, if accepted, will probably require the title to the said property to be conveyed before the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

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Now, *Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That if, in the judgment of the Committee on Masonic Homes, a satisfactory price is offered for the said property, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to execute all the proper deeds or other assurances in the law to convey a title in fee simple in the said property to the purchaser;

And *Be It Further Resolved*, That if a bond is required to be given to protect the purchaser against the lien of the debts of the decedent, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of the Grand Lodge such bond, or, if security be given by an individual or a surety company, to execute an indemnity bond to protect such surety against liability.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Wilkinsburg, Allegheny County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, 25 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, June 7, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master</i> <i>Acting R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden</i> <i>Acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden</i> <i>Acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . .	<i>Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . .	
“ JOHN C. TAYLOR . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . .	
“ THOMAS BIDDLE ELLIS .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ JOHN E. McCULLY . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. SNYDER . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL	

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Bro. EDGAR S. NASH . . .	
" JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . .	
" MILTON P. SCHANTZ . .	
" WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
" HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
" THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
" HOMER E. SPENCER . .	
" S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
" EZRA C. DOTY	
" HENRY H. BAISH . . .	
" W. HARRISON WALKER .	
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH .	
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .	
" RALPH M. ALLISON . .	
" R. KAY PORTSER . . .	
" JOHN M. CORE	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" CLARENCE A. FERGUSON	
" HOWARD C. FRONTZ . .	
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH .	
" JAMES K. SCOTT . . .	
" WILLIAM A. JORDAN . .	
" WILLIAM H. MAXWELL .	
" JOHN G. BROAD . . .	
" GEORGE HAY KAIN . .	
" WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR	
" ERNEST L. WENTWORTH	
" IRA G. ROSS	
" FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES	
" WILLIAM D. MCILROY .	
" BENJAMIN PAGE . . .	
" SION B. SMITH . . .	
" FRANK B. LYNCH . . .	
" THOMAS M. JACKSON . .	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" A. LAWRENCE MILLER .	
" THOMAS H. FENTON . .	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" BENJAMIN PAGE . . .	<i>As Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" SAMUEL J. BREDIN . .	<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
" EDGAR S. NASH . . .	<i>As Grand Steward.</i>

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Bro. SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . . *As Grand Marshal.*
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON . . . *Grand Sword Bearer.*
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . . *Grand Tyler.*

One hundred and fifty-three Lodges represented.

Acting Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE stated to Grand Lodge that we have fraternal greetings from the Grand Master, who is absent to-night because of important public duty, and he regrets it exceedingly. He did not have in mind at the time of accepting the duty, the conflicting dates. He is, however, engaged in noble work and we can forgive him for his absence, especially myself, because I am forced to take this embarrassing position to-night.

Grand Lodge opened in due form at 7 o'clock, P.M.

The minutes of the Special Communication, held February 29, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, and of the Quarterly Communication, held March 1, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, were read and separately approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from J. W. E. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

In the matter of the appeal of A. F. S. from the action of ——— Lodge No. ———.

The appeal in this case is based upon:

1. The failure of the Lodge to have read the evidence taken by the Trial Committee at the time the Trial Committee's report was received and adopted.

2. The admission by the Trial Committee of certain testimony which was intended to sustain the charges of immorality and failure to be under the tongue of good Masonic report at the time the petition was presented.

The adviser of the accused stated that no formal demand upon the Lodge had been made for the reading of all the testimony taken by the Trial Committee, but that he had read such parts thereof (a copy of which had been furnished to him in advance) as he felt would benefit the accused. Under these circumstances, this ground for appeal should be dismissed.

While the accuser or accused, or any other member of the Lodge before vote had, should be permitted to have the testimony read, this reading may be waived by failure to make such demand, and especially so, when the party who claims to have been injured is permitted to read such parts of the testimony as he may wish to present to the Lodge.

The second ground for appeal brings up a much more interesting and difficult question. The facts presented to the Committee on Appeals disclose that a general objection was filed at the Grand Secretary's Office before the petition of the appellant was presented to the Lodge. A petition was presented and a Committee on Inquiry appointed on the twenty-eighth day of May, 1912. The Committee conferred with the Brethren who

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had filed the objection in the Grand Secretary's Office, made such investigation as satisfied them as to the worthiness of the petitioner, and reported in favor of the prayer of the petition being granted. The members of the Lodge sustained the report and approved the petitioner, who thereupon received the first degree in Freemasonry.

Before the petitioner was advanced, charges were preferred against him, and a Committee, appointed to investigate and report as to whether or not a trial should be held, communicated with the accusers, who were not members of the Lodge to whom the charges were preferred, informally examined witnesses and documents presented by the accusers. The Committee on Investigation reported it was not necessary that trial should be held, which report was adopted by the Lodge. From this action, the accusers appealed, and your Committee on Appeals reported that "there is sufficient on the record and in the statements made to them orally by the appellants, to make a trial of the case desirable." (Proceedings, 1913, page 88.)

The Grand Lodge thereupon directed that a trial should be held, and a trial committee was appointed and found the accused guilty of immorality and of not being under the tongue of good Masonic report, and recommended his expulsion. And that record is now brought to your Committee on Appeals by the appeal of the accused.

All the evidence to sustain the accusation relates to facts which occurred prior to 1910, and there was sufficient in the testimony to justify the Trial Committee in finding the accused guilty. It was admitted, however, before your Committee on Appeals, that all the facts before the Trial Committee had in a less formal manner been presented to the Committee on Investigation, and through it to the Lodge, and prior to that to the Committee on Inquiry, the reports of both of which Committees were in favor of the accused.

It was also conceded before the Committee on Appeals that the Lodge would on the same evidence, in all probability, find the accused guilty again, and the members of the Lodge were practically unanimous in their wish to be relieved of the appellant's connection with the Lodge. The appellant, however, has con-

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tended with great earnestness that as the acts, of which the appellant was found guilty and which amounted to moral delinquencies, occurred prior to his initiation, and at least four years prior to the presentation of his petition, they should be ignored, and he cites for authority the report of the Committee on Appeals, which was signed by the late Brother SAMUEL HARPER, and approved by Grand Lodge. (Report in the Proceedings, 1885, page 17.)

This report contains a very able and clear discussion of the right of a Lodge to take cognizance of the acts of a Mason committed while he was profane and the effect of such acts to render a petitioner unworthy as not being under the tongue of good Masonic report, and declares that acts committed prior to initiation cannot be Masonic offences, and that if, notwithstanding the commission of such acts, the petitioner is improperly reported as being under the tongue of good Masonic report, the Lodge is the offender and not the petitioner or accused.

Your Committee on Appeals, however, is not convinced of the force of the reasoning, nor does it assent to the conclusions stated.

With regard to the effect of the acts committed prior to initiation, your Committee on Appeals believes the true rule to have been laid down by Past Grand Master MACCALLA on January 23, 1890, when he said:

“That on a charge that a candidate for advancement is not under the tongue of good Masonic report, any competent testimony may be introduced that goes to prove the bad character of said candidate, those making the charge are not confined to matters which occurred subsequent to the date of his being entered, his entire character is under repute, of course, as to his present character and how it is affected by his past acts. He must be of good moral character now to warrant his advancement, and his character now may be proved by his recent acts and general repute.” (Digest of Decisions, 1912, page 7.)

Nor are we willing to accept the conclusion that if a Landmark was violated by the approval of one not under the tongue of good Masonic report, “the Lodge is the offender and not the

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accused.” If through fraud or concealment of some act of the petitioner, the Committee on Inquiry and the Lodge are actually misled, then the Lodge certainly has not committed any offence, but the petitioner alone is guilty and should be punished. But if, as in the case now before us, the Committee was familiar with the alleged delinquencies of the petitioner, and decided for any reasons, such as the lapse of time between the commission of the offences and the presentation of the petition, that the petitioner is worthy to be received, and if the action of the Lodge by approving the petitioner is subsequently again approved by the Committee on Investigation, and again approved by the Lodge, which at the time had, or could have had, full information in regard to the alleged delinquencies, the petitioner has not been guilty of any acts whereby the Lodge has been affected in its two decisions sustaining his approval. If, after such action, charges may be preferred against an E. A. Mason, they may be preferred against a F. C. Mason, which would mean that no Mason, be his conduct perfectly righteous and thoroughly Masonic after admission to our Fraternity, may continue his membership if there is a change of opinion upon the part of a Lodge after trial; proof of acts, too, may justify his expulsion from the Fraternity, and yet there may be no conduct upon his part to deceive the Lodge or any new facts or acts to justify its change of opinion.

We are not willing to endorse this conclusion.

We believe that the Lodge, from whose action this appeal is taken, had two opportunities to investigate and arrive at some definite conclusion as to the worthiness of the petitioner. We believe that if they now feel aggrieved, the result is the consequence of their own action or inaction, and we think they have no cause to complain.

We believe that the petitioner was innocent of any attempt to deceive the Lodge, and it is conceded that there was no unworthy act committed by him either before or after his initiation, since the year 1910, or four years prior to his trial and conviction. There was testimony by the Brethren to the effect that he was at the time of trial under the tongue of good Masonic report and should be welcomed into the Fraternity.

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A case somewhat similar to the present one was taken up in 1854 in Grand Lodge. The advancement of a petitioner after approval and initiation was protested; a committee appointed to inquire into his case "could not recommend" advancement. The Lodge refused to accept the report of the committee and directed advancement. The matter came up before the Grand Lodge on March 6, 1854, and action was postponed until the June Communication when a resolution instructing the Lodge to confer the remaining degrees upon the applicant was defeated by a vote of 28 to 21.

At the October Communication, in 1854, the matter was again taken up. Various motions to reconsider and to postpone were put and defeated, and finally, a resolution was adopted that the opinion contained in the report in the case be adopted as the principle on which similar cases shall be settled in the future. This opinion was that, "After an applicant for initiation and membership has been approved and initiated, he is a member and as such entitled to his remaining degrees, unless objected to and charges preferred against him in open Lodge."

The "principle" expressed in this opinion may govern the case now before us, with the further distinction that the Entered Apprentice Mason, whose advancement is not approved by a majority of the members of the Lodge, shall not have the right to immediate advancement in such Lodge, but shall be in the same position relatively as a Mason who has withdrawn from one Lodge, petitioned for membership in another and been rejected. If a Lodge, after further inquiry into the character and repute of an initiate, determines before advancing such initiate that it does not wish to advance him, it may refuse such advancement and retain him as an Entered Apprentice Mason, or permit him to withdraw as an Entered Apprentice Mason and apply for membership and advancement in some other Lodge. The application of this rule will permit the initiate to retain the Masonic Knowledge and light to which he has been held to be entitled, and will permit him to obtain further light in a Masonic Lodge where a majority of the members will welcome him, and it will, at the same time, protect the Lodge which initiated him from

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continuing his advancement among the Brethren from whom he may not obtain a welcome.

We are of the opinion that in the case now being considered, the majority of the Lodge sustained the Trial Committee for the reason that the ill repute and lack of being under the tongue of good Masonic report was due to the three investigations made by the three committees of the Lodge, and a result of the activities of the accusers in spreading the evil repute, and that in consequence of this, the attention of the Trial Committee and of the Lodge was directed particularly to the guilt or innocence of the accused for the years preceding 1908, and not to his qualifications in 1912, when he petitioned and was initiated.

For this reason, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of A. F. S. from the action of Lodge No. — be sustained and he is hereby restored to membership as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

The Lodge may at any time, by a majority vote, accept his resignation, but he may not be advanced in that Lodge, except by a majority vote after due notice to the members.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE C. BURGWIN,
CASPER DULL,
MURDOCH KENDRICK,
HENRY J. SCOTT,
WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER,
Committee on Appeals.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The following resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Finance was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on temporary loans sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of Grand Lodge not exceeding \$50,000.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN :

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it, and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 337 and 385 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 585 be corrected as noted on the copy and that as so corrected they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 680 and 682 be returned to said Lodges with directions to amend same in accordance with notations on copies.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 67, 115, 131, 135, 218, 225, 243, 250, 253, 271, 289, 299, 303, 307, 330, 361, 383, 456, 464, 469, 473, 482, 490, 518, 539, 558, 560, 564, 580, 582, 648, 654, and 668 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 557, be amended by striking out all after the following: "For the admission of a Master Mason—\$5," and that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to Article V, Section 1, and Article VI of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 221 be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,
Committee.

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In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.

Brother EDGAR FAHS SMITH, Past Master of University Lodge No. 610, addressed the Grand Lodge and eulogized the life and character of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., as follows:

On my writing table, directly before my face, there stands a leaflet, on which appears in print the kind, noble, attractive face of him of whom I am to speak. Years ago, the pathway of Brother KENDRICK and his sainted wife crossed my pathway, bringing back to me the happy days I once knew in the City of Brotherly Love, introducing me, too, as a Mason, to this Masonic Jurisdiction, and, in time, making me one of you, with whom the best days of my Masonic career have been lived. All that our Brother contributed to my welfare need not here be recited. Let suffice, to me it has meant so much, that, when approached to assume the duty of bearing testimony to his worth on this occasion, I gladly and eagerly accepted the opportunity and honor. I had hoped that somewhere, sometime, I might be permitted to record my impressions of this eminent, loyal, distinguished Brother.

Frequently have I requested friends to remember me with any biographical sketches which might chance their way, and which they were disposed to pass on without further thought. This request was made because there is nothing in my judgment which so powerfully and beautifully emphasizes the highest principles of morality and aids in their inculcation as the life histories of men who have lived, sinned, struggled, won and received the welcome "well done"! Has anyone here ever read the biography of Lincoln, written by, I care not whom, without feeling that he had been with one who made the world better by his presence? Hundreds of times has this been my experience after

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perusal of the deeds of men in almost every walk of life. I shall never forget the impression made on my mind on reading the life of that Christian explorer—David Livingston—and very recently that of Moses Coit Tyler—one of the great educators of our country. And so it has been on reviewing, in quiet, the life work of him whom I knew, whom you knew—who was so great a part of this Grand Lodge, to whom this stately edifice, renowned throughout the civilized world, was as familiar as home. Then bear with me while I develop the impressions received by me during the years of my knowledge of him.

First, there passes before me his long connection with the Fraternity. He was just twenty-two years old in August, 1863, when he was brought to Masonic light in Mitchell Lodge No. 296. This was the beginning, and later years were not years of indifference to the Fraternity on his part, for he became a Master Mason, October 22, 1863, affiliated with Washington Lodge No. 59, March 12, 1867, its Junior Warden in 1868, its Senior Warden in 1869, its Worshipful Master in 1870 and its Representative to this Grand Body in 1872; in which high station he continued until 1900. What an honorable record this and to many it would have been a complete and sufficient record. Not so with our Brother. To him appealed most strongly those grand tenets of the Fraternity. To be with men, to know men, to serve men was with him a passion. The sublime teachings of Freemasonry, in his case, had been cast upon good ground and bore fruit an hundredfold. For even prior to his assumption of duties in Ancient Craft Masonry, we discover that on June 13, 1864, he connected himself with Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91, and became its Master in 1870—the very year in which he presided over the Brethren of Washington Lodge. Further, on May 28, 1867, he was advanced to Most Excellent Master in Harmony Chapter No. 52, becoming its High Priest in 1871, and on February 12, 1868, he assumed the obligations of Royal, Super-excellent and Select Master in Philadelphia Council. In 1872 he was the Thrice Illustrious Master of this Council. Working almost simultaneously in the arduous stations of Ancient Craft Masonry, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, one wonders how it was all accomplished and is astonished on hearing

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that these did not represent all the work of our Brother, for in Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, we read that he became a Knight of the Red Cross, January 12, 1870, a Templar and Knight of Malta March 8, 1870, and in 1873-1874 served as its Generalissimo, and in 1874-1875 as its Eminent Commander.

How thrilling this Masonic career! Thousands in the ranks would have rejoiced could such great and good fortune have come to them. To me it is only explainable on the assumption that the teachings of these several bodies penetrated the warp and woof of Brother KENDRICK's moral and spiritual being. These teachings influenced him mightily. They shaped his daily conduct, his attitude toward the great questions of the day, his relations to those about him, in the home and in the external, hurly-burly, seething business world. To him the truly grand lessons of the Fraternity, in its many divisions, became mottoes.

For thirty-two years he was an honored Trustee of Northminster Presbyterian Church; indeed, one of its original Trustees. To the honorable Board of City Trusts he gave one year of his life (May, 1915, to February, 1916); to the City of his birth he rendered service as Common Councilman in 1871 and 1872 from the First Ward, and in 1878 and 1879 he represented the Twenty-fourth Ward, while in 1893 to 1896 he appeared in Select Council. He was Vice-president of the Union Surety and Guaranty Company, from which he resigned in 1903; a Director of the Third National Bank, the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages and the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company. In the Manufacturers' Club, in the Penn Club and in the Sons of the Revolution he also held membership.

This sketch reveals constant activity. We were taught in our earliest Masonic life that duty to business, to home, must not suffer from our attention to the Fraternity. Our Brother divided his time and his thoughts fairly. To him the promulgation of the Fraternity's interests became an inspiration. He lived for it, and as previously remarked, it developed into the guide of his whole life conduct. I am sure Masonic teachings were to him living, vital things which he practised faithfully and devotedly. He gave of himself to others. Masonry made him a full, complete man. In turn, he passed out the best of himself to others,

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hence it is not surprising that he should have been made the recipient of still higher recognition from his Brethren, for it is known that from 1906-1907 he was Right Worshipful Grand Master of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that in 1885-1886 he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; in 1886 Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of this State in 1881-1882; also Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and in 1904 was appointed for three years to represent the Grand Master of Templars in Pennsylvania and in Delaware.

Incidentally he was a Trustee of Harmony Chapter No. 52, of Philadelphia Council No. 11, Royal and Select Masters, of Philadelphia Consistory and of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of this State, as well as a Past President of the Masonic Veterans, and in 1916 a member of the Masonic Ancients.

I thought of philosophizing upon the record which gradually developed under my pen, when I was reminded that the story was not yet complete. The honors previously mentioned were those won in the York rite. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, our Brother was received, January 18, 1878, into the Lodge of Perfection; on March 15, 1878, into the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and the Chapter of Rose Croix, while on April 19 of the same year he entered Philadelphia Consistory. Mere membership in these bodies did not satisfy him. Their historical and philosophical degrees interested him intensely. The grand ritual attracted him strongly, so that his soul went into the esoteric work, and we discover him in the office of Junior Grand Warden in the Lodge of Perfection in 1880, advancing regularly until in 1883 he became Thrice Potent Grand Master. In 1882 he began as Junior Grand Warden in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, proceeding regularly through the other offices until in 1885 he was chosen Sovereign Prince Grand Master. In 1883-1884 he was M. W. and P. Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. His official connection with the Con-

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sistory began in 1887, as Illustrious Grand Chancellor, and terminated as Commander-in-Chief in 1890-1891-1892.

To these high honors must be added his election to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, September 15, 1891, and his being crowned an active member of the same august body on September 19, 1906, having previously served as Marshal of the Camp from 1900 to 1906.

There, Brethren, is the epitomized Masonic history of our Brother. He gave 53 of the 75 years spent on earth to those things which are treasured by us all. How many Masons can match that record? It is truly an unique history, but there is vastly more in it than the bare dates enumerated in the preceding lines. There is evidence of earnest thought, of manly effort, of sacrifice, for burdens were borne in the most unselfish manner. In everything affecting the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction, during the half century of Brother KENDRICK'S activity, he contributed his mite in thought, labor and means. The distinctions accorded him were appreciated. Their value was returned many times over in his devotion to the common cause. Too often those who have attained recognition forget the same and turn aside to other allurements. This was not the case with Brother KENDRICK. This Temple knew him to the last.

On another occasion I alluded to instances of his help among the humble and those in sore need; his care of the widow and orphan. Quite recently there came to me one who informed me of a beautiful act of Brother KENDRICK shortly before he closed his eyes upon earthly scenes. It was, again, an example of his Christian generosity. Men were ignorant of this act; indeed, no one knew of it. To me it was further proof of the profound effect of Masonic teachings upon him.

This may not be the time or place, but, in the review of this remarkable person, may I be permitted to submit that there is no grander monument to the genuineness of the manhood of our Brother than the Masonic Home on North Broad Street. RICHARD VAUX, his immediate successors and the influential, controlling factors in this Grand Lodge were not prepared to assume the maintenance of a Home. The nobility of Brother KENDRICK'S

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character now came gloriously to the front. Conscious of the difficulties surrounding such an undertaking, but with a heart overflowing with sympathy and love for the needy and deserving, in conjunction with his life-long friend, Brother General WAGNER, he undertook this stupendous charity. The first meeting of the Corporation occurred on June 24, 1884, when our Brother was elected Vice-president, loyally working by the side of his equally earnest companion. What would the history of that Home reveal? Untold, self-sacrificing labor, but a rich happiness in the dark and uncertain days as well as upon those on which there was loud rejoicing. I've often thought of Brother KENDRICK on Sunday afternoons—for it was particularly then that the inmates of the Home enjoyed his presence. And what joy and comfort be poured into their lonely lives! Once I accompanied him to the Home. From the moment of his entrance upon the threshold all eyes were upon our Brother. His smiling countenance, his cheery voice, his warm handclasp brought good cheer and heart rest. For his aged, needy Brethren he gave unstintedly of self; for them he contrived and toiled and prayed, never weary, never discouraged, always full of hope. This glorious work was one means by which Brother KENDRICK repaid his debt of gratitude to Masonry, ever the apple of his eye. What reward might he expect? No reward. He had nothing to gain. It was simply love for his fellowmen. He bore burdens that others might have less. It was an example of the highest type of practical Christianity.

Let me remind you of another act which had as its underlying principle "brotherly love." It may be found in an edict issued by Brother KENDRICK when Grand Master in 1906—just a decade ago. It reads:

"In the belief that our object should be to help the weak as well as guide the errant, and as a further evidence of our desire to reach the higher mental and moral plane," it is decreed that intoxicating liquors shall not be permitted at Masonic banquets or in any Masonic Temple in this Jurisdiction.

Harsh, severe criticism followed this step. But, Brethren, we agree that it was needed and that it was right. Discussion

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of it is useless. It required courage. Our Brother possessed that. Masonry gave it to him, and he was fearless. He was serving her. We are grateful to him for legislating so wisely. The Fraternity throughout this great country has applauded his decision and rejoiced in his course. Generations unborn will praise him. If the Fraternity we adore is to continue it must have the best from men like our Brother who believed in its exalted character, as a means of leading faltering souls in right paths.

Another fact—it was our Brother who gave to this Jurisdiction University Lodge No. 610. It is known to you. It remained for Brother KENDRICK to associate with Masonry a name which called up relations of this Grand Body to the venerable University in this City, which had escaped the attention or were unknown to the members of the Fraternity. I will not rehearse them here. They are most interesting and almost anywhere else would have long before been heralded abroad. The author of our Ahiman Rezon, WILLIAM SMITH, D.D., was my first predecessor in the position I occupy. He was an enthusiast in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, as were many of his early successors. Their attachment to the Fraternity is revealed in numerous writings, but Brother KENDRICK was the first to appreciate this, and to make his appreciation real he founded Lodge No. 610. It caught his spirit of helpfulness and devotion to the fundamentals of the Fraternity. Hence its remarkable successes. May it never forget him who brought it to light!

In the earliest days of his Masonic activity Brother KENDRICK met his richest blessing in the person of Minnie L. Murdoch, who became his wife on September 6, 1866. It was she who stood courageously by him in his upward struggles to affluence, position and power. She was his guiding star. A noble nature herself, with lofty ideals, a true woman—it was well nigh impossible for our Brother to do other than his best in every position in which he found himself. She was the light of their charming home; the inspiration of their noble sons; the life of a great intellectual group, and frequently piloted her devoted husband into channels where he lent his abilities to the

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promotion of sound and far-reaching educational policies. Then, she was so humanly womanly. She rejoiced in all her husband's activities. She knew his popularity, so wonderful "in the midst of the busy throngs of a great City"—his picturesque and charming personality, known to everyone of us and gloried in by us. How she delighted in all this! But one day the grim messenger came. She went with him and our Brother's heart was crushed. Yet conscious that she still lived up yonder and that she would be so happy if he would but possess his soul in patience and work along in the old way, he gathered courage and let his heart's love find its return in the sweet grandchildren who clustered about him and whom he idolized. So he went his lonely way—pouring out joy and comfort on every side.

In business, in social and charitable work, Brother KENDRICK stood in the forefront. His fairness, his consideration of others, his tolerance, his genial manners gave him hosts of intimate and loyal friends. He was one of the City's first men. His memory will continue. His noble deeds will live.

The public prints of February 26, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen—announced his death——

No, Brother KENDRICK

“Has caught the broader life,
He is not dead—he is just away!”

By a rising vote, on motion of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the eulogy just delivered by Brother EDGAR FAHS SMITH be printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico requesting recognition by this Grand Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

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An appeal was received from Brother Z. E. L., a member of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of Lodge No. —, on October 15, 1915, in the matter of the trial of E. F. G. H., a member of Lodge No. —, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Dormont, Allegheny County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Homestead, Allegheny County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Philadelphia, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, Miss Anna M. Somerville, of 1214 East Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, has assigned to the "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," a certain mortgage for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) which said sum, when paid, is to be used by Grand Lodge toward the support and maintenance of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, this gift

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being in memory of her brother, William H. Somerville, late a member of Concordia Lodge No. 67, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That Grand Lodge, duly appreciating the generous gift of Miss Somerville, hereby accepts it, and hereby requests the Committee on Masonic Homes to put the gift in such form as shall best perpetuate the memory of her deceased brother.

Resolved, Further, That a copy of this minute be forwarded to the generous donor, Miss Anna M. Somerville.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, 45 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, September 6, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ JOHN C. TAYLOR . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ EDGAR S. NASH . . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ HOMER E. SPENCER . . .	
“ S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ HENRY H. BAISH . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	
“ R. KAY PORTSER . . .	

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Bro. JOHN M. CORE	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ HOWARD C. FRONTZ		
“ HARVEY A. MCKILLIP		
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH		
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL		
“ IRA G. ROSS		
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD		
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT		
“ FRANK B. LYNCH		
“ THOMAS M. JACKSON		
“ RICHARD MONTGOMERY		
“ THOMAS H. FENTON		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN F. LAEDLEIN		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ HORACE E. CAMPBELL		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN		<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
“ GEORGE M. MCCANDLESS		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and thirty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock,
P.M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held June 7, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN :

The Grand Secretary herewith presents his annual report of the membership and the number of Lodges in this Masonic Jurisdiction, for the year ending December 27, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915 :

Number of Lodges December 27, 1914	.	492	
Lodges constituted during the year 1915		5	
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Number of Lodges December 27, 1915	.	497	
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1914			115,460
Admitted during the year 1915	.	886	
Initiated during the year 1915	.	7,357	
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			8,243
Suspended and expelled during the year			
1915	.	775	
Resigned during the year 1915	.	607	
Deceased during the year 1915	.	1,775	
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			3,157
Increase during the year 1915	.		5,086
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Membership December 27, 1915	.		120,546

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. PERRY,
Grand Secretary.

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The following resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Finance was on motion adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on temporary loans, sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of Grand Lodge not exceeding \$40,000.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report with resolution attached thereto, relative to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held June 7, 1916, a communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico requesting recognition by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence for investigation.

The said committee begs leave to report as follows:

The generally accepted rule of regularity and fundamental requirements as the basis for recognition of Grand Lodges are the following:

1. Legitimacy of origin of constituent Lodges uniting to form a Grand Lodge; and that there should be at least three such Lodges, separate and lawfully warranted.

2. Sovereign and independent control of Ancient Craft Masonry in the state, province or territorial division constituting the Jurisdiction of the proposed Grand Lodge.

3. Belief in God and the Bible on the altar as the great light in Masonry. Inherent in this is the acceptance of the doctrine of the immortality of the soul.

Applying these rules to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, we find that prior to 1885 the symbolic Lodges of Porto Rico were under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, which is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and with which we have Masonic intercourse.

In 1885 the Grand Lodge of Cuba ceded to the twelve separate and lawfully warranted Lodges then existing in Porto Rico complete and independent jurisdiction over the Island and authorized them to form a Grand Lodge, which was accordingly formed

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and created September 20, 1885. It now has 42 Lodges, all working the Ancient York Degrees, with a total membership of about 2,000. The present Grand Master is Dr. W. F. Lippitt, formerly from West Virginia, now Director of Sanitation for the whole Island; and among the members are many Americans, now resident in the Island.

The question has been raised that the Grand Lodge now requesting recognition is not the Grand Lodge formed in 1885; that the latter is now extinct, and that the former has no legitimate origin. This question of continuity of existence is explained by the plausible fact that in 1896 the Spanish government suppressed the Lodges on the ground that plots and conspiracies against the government might be fomented therein. Therefore, the Grand Lodge suspended work, as did the Lodges, except for secret meetings of some of the latter, until after the occupation of Porto Rico by the United States Army. On February 18, 1899, the Grand Lodge reassembled and resumed its labors; the same Lodges were represented as before and by practically the same men. So that the objection to its continuity is not based on reasonable premises.

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico extends to the first three degrees only, and it has no connection with any so-called higher Masonic body or authority; and its claims appear to be justified that it is supreme in the Island of Porto Rico. The subordinate Lodges use the ritual prescribed by the Grand Lodge, which, in the case of the English-speaking Lodges, is the ritual used in the Jurisdiction of New York.

We further beg to state that in July, 1916, our R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN A. PERRY, visited Porto Rico, and by personal interviews with the officers of the Grand Lodge and other American Masons, members thereof, confirmed the statement of facts herein above set forth.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico has been accorded recognition by nearly all—if not all—other Grand Lodges of the United States, and by many of those abroad; and there appears to your Committee no reason why it should not be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Therefore we offer the following resolution:

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Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, with best wishes for its continued growth and prosperity.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. PENMAN,
Chairman.

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The Committee on Correspondence offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully submits the following Preamble and Resolution, and moves their adoption:

WHEREAS, Since our last Quarterly Communication we have learned that a world-distinguished Masonic student and author, Right Worshipful Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., D.G.L., passed away at his home, Merton Park, Sanford Road, Dublin, Ireland. He was the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Concerning his literary prominence and depth of research into the history and traditional usage of Freemasonry, the "Freemason" of London says:

"From a very early period of his Masonic life, Brother CHETWODE CRAWLEY applied himself with industry and perseverance, which have never been surpassed and rarely equalled by any student of the Craft, to an investigation of the real history of Freemasonry in Ireland. For this purpose it was essential to exhume old records and documents, to rediscover old and forgotten books, and to present the results of such long continued and happily conducted research in a guise that would insure their meeting with the close and immediate attention of the critics and scholars of Freemasonry. All this was done in a most splendid and selective manner and

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placed before his listeners and readers in sound arguments framed in convincing language. His productions as an author cover a wide field, and it might be urged that he has touched every possible topic that Freemasonry suggests or presents."

Thus it is acknowledged that our deceased Brother has for many years done much to enrich Masonic Literature. In the Library of our Grand Lodge may be found his "Cæmentaria Hibernica"—now out of print—which gives not only an excellent record of Freemasonry in Ireland, but covers, as well, many questions which had remained hidden in general Masonic history.

And WHEREAS, The death of so distinguished a Freemason should not pass unnoticed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Grand Lodge make a minute of its appreciation of the great service rendered the Craft by Brother CRAWLEY and its sincere regret for the severe loss suffered by his death; and that a copy of this preamble and resolution be forwarded under the seal of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland and to the family of our late Brother.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. PENMAN,
Chairman.

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COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 680 be approved.

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Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 432 and 548 be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 61, 114, 164, 221, 442, 500, 526, 590, and 655 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 252, be amended by striking out "This amendment to take effect from the 20th of December 1915," and that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to Article IV, Section 1, and Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 499, be approved and that the Lodge be directed to further amend Article V, Section 1, by making "the fee for conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, in addition to the expenses of the Dispensation" to conform to the fee for initiation and membership.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 679, Article XI, be approved and that Article VII, Section 1, be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOMES.

The Committee on Masonic Homes made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Several days ago the Grand Master suggested that it might be of interest to the members of the Grand Lodge to have a short report of the doings of your Committee on Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

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During the present year much work has been in progress. The Berks Home, provided by the Brethren of Berks County, has been completed and was recently dedicated with impressive ceremonies by the R. W. Grand Master, assisted by the Brethren from Berks County, and turned over to the Grand Lodge. It is complete and furnished and will be ready for occupancy in the very near future, soon as the hot water and sewage lines can be connected.

The Paul L. Levis Memorial Building is completed and furnished and will be occupied at once. This is a fine structure, the gift of our worthy Brother, PAUL L. LEVIS, of Robert A. Lamber-ton Lodge of Philadelphia. It will accommodate about fifty guests.

The Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial, the first unit of the Hospital, so urgently needed and so generously supplied by the Brethren of Philadelphia, is finished and is now being furnished. Hot water for heating, sewers, electric light, telephones, elevators, and all necessary devices for a first-class hospital are installed. It occupies the most commanding location of any of our group of buildings, and is the product of the best thought of those qualified for this character of building. It is entirely fire-proof and the arrangements throughout have been most carefully considered and worked out for the special use to which it will be applied.

September 4, 1916, the corner-stone was laid for a group of three buildings for the housing of guests, by the Grand Master and the officers of the Grand Lodge. These buildings will be the contribution of the Brethren from Allegheny County. The excavation for the basement of the main building and one of the group and the cellar walls for same are finished, and excavation for the third building is under way. All these buildings are of the group of Homes Buildings, and are of the general style of construction of Grand Lodge Hall.

In addition to the building before mentioned, Grand Lodge Spring was developed and an attractive concrete house built over it, the surroundings graded, drained and beautified. This Spring now flows from 40,000 to 50,000 gallons per day. The Quarry Spring was also developed and sealed in a concrete structure, as

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well as a third spring. The Linden Grove Spring was also developed and grounds graded and landscaped. These springs, together with half a dozen others, have all been piped together into a concrete well, twelve feet square and twelve feet deep, over which a solid concrete house has been built, a replica of the one at Grand Lodge Spring. A pump was installed, by which all the water used for drinking and domestic purposes, laundry, heating, boilers, and the entire system of water supply is pumped direct into the water mains, the overflow going into the large reservoir or into the retaining dams. This assures us absolutely uncontaminated water from surface drainage, storm, or other causes. The pump is automatic in its action, starting pumping when the well is full and stopping when empty.

A modern slaughter house has been built in connection with one of our barns. It is complete in its furnishings with water, electric light, power, steam boiler, smoke house, and proper drainage.

A Wash and Packing House has also been built for use of the garden.

Various farm buildings have been repaired and some almost rebuilt. Most of the farm buildings are now in good condition. Several of them need attention.

In addition to the buildings, considerable underground work has been done. Telephone and electric light service have been run to the Berks House, and the heat and sewage lines are now being laid; hot and cold water service, electric light, and telephones, to the Paul L. Levis Building and the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial. All this service comes direct from the Power House near the railroad. Sewers have also been laid for these buildings, connecting with the main sewer leading to the Disposal Plant.

Two Forcing or Green Houses have been built and equipped for the Vegetable Garden and the Landscape Garden respectively.

Surface water sewers, grading of grounds and other improvements and developing have been going on as occasion required and conditions would permit.

Building of first-class telford roads from trap-rock quarried

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on our premises and crushed to proper size, built by our own employees, has been going on during the summer, and much more will be finished before cold weather stops the work. Earth roads have been dragged and put into passable condition.

Transplanting of trees and shrubbery, landscaping and caring for same are continually under way.

Farming, gardening, dairying, piggery, poultry, orcharding, apiary, and all the work connected with a large plantation have been going on in a most encouraging way, and the results of energies expended beginning to show fruit.

This short résumé gives a slight idea of what has been done during the year for the improvement of the property. What really has been done cannot be expressed in a few words. It must be seen to make the proper impression, and I am sure your servants, the Committee, would appreciate it if you, the owners, would pay a visit and see how they are discharging the duties with which you have entrusted them.

My remarks apply entirely to the physical part of the Homes; the material, that which you are doing for your less fortunate brother, his wife, his daughter, his mother, or his orphan, I am not competent to express. Visit the homes, mingle with the guests, and hear their appreciation, and thank God that you have the privilege of assisting in this noble work.

Brother THOMAS F. PENMAN made the following report, which was referred to the Grand Officers and the Committee on Finance:

To Brother Louis A. Watres, R. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

Agreeable to your request and commission, I attended the Sixth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Va., February 21 and 22, 1916, and participated in the business thereof as the Representative of yourself and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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R. W. Brother WILLIAM L. GORGAS was also present from this Grand Jurisdiction. I now have the honor to report my observations of the progress and present status of the movement inaugurated by this Memorial Association.

At the outset I may confidently report that the project to erect a Memorial Temple to Washington, the Mason, is now beyond the experimental or embryo state, and if the Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania, individually or collectively desires to become prominently and creditably identified with the project, one of real significance to Free and Accepted Masonry in the United States, action to that end should not longer be delayed.

As the life of Washington, the patriot, the soldier, the statesman, and the Man, has made its enduring impress upon the history and character of the American nation, so does our institution of Freemasonry boast that not the least of his ideals are reflected in his active support and participation in the affairs of our Fraternity and his desire for its progress and influence in American society. To put the evidence of his Masonic association into concrete form is the purpose of this Memorial Association, that all people may reflect that a social institution approved by such a man as George Washington must have a significant value to the perpetuity of American institutions and the betterment of social conditions. It is said that certain interests have attempted to deny the approval and attachment of Washington to Freemasonry, or, at least, that before his death his loyalty to Freemasonry receded. The records of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and other evidences in its possession make such a claim impossible; and it is one of the purposes of the proposed Memorial Temple to be erected at Alexandria to protect and safeguard these evidences from loss or destruction, they being now in a woeful state of insecurity.

I can only account for the lack of interest in the project thus far shown in Pennsylvania on the theory that it has not been adequately brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity generally. For a nucleus fund with which to begin definite plans for the erection of the proposed Memorial Temple, the Memorial Association determined to issue one thousand life

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memberships, to be subscribed for by Masonic organizations and individual Masons. To Pennsylvania were allotted sixty-four such memberships. To the present time only twelve have been subscribed and paid for. Their names will be perpetuated in the proposed Temple on bronze tablets, together with those others who are included in the first thousand founders, to be known as the Charter Roll of Honor. They are the following in Pennsylvania to date:

LOUIS A. WATRES,
WILLIAM L. GORGAS,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
JAMES M. LAMBERTON,
WARREN A. WILBER,
SPENCER C. GILBERT,
CHARLES P. KING,
GEORGE A. GORGAS,
MARLIN E. OLMSTEAD,
F. H. TREAT,
Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia.

The convention of the Memorial Association at Alexandria which I attended was composed of seventy-two individuals, representing 28 Grand Lodges, 10 Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, 2 Grand Councils, 7 Grand Commanderies, and the Supreme Council A. A. S. R. of the Southern Jurisdiction. Forty-three Grand Lodges are identified with the project. Representatives, or delegates, were present from Jurisdictions as far distant as Idaho, North Dakota, Alabama, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Many of them were men of distinction in their respective States, and included the Governor of Missouri and two U. S. Senators of other States. Many inspiring addresses were made, and the most optimistic feeling prevailed over the progress of the movement and ultimate success of the project. Sufficient progress is considered to have been made that, at the convention of 1917, it is proposed to present tentative plans for the Memorial Temple.

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The financial statement showed that 290 life memberships have been subscribed, and donations pledged as follows:

Grand Lodge of Michigan	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,000.00
Maryland	.	.	.	.	.	5,000.00
Virginia	.	.	.	.	.	5,000.00
Iowa	.	.	.	.	.	3,000.00
South Carolina	.	.	.	.	.	3,000.00
Kentucky	.	.	.	.	.	3,000.00
Colorado	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
North Carolina	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Kansas	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Grand Chapter Maryland	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Virginia	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Kansas	.	.	.	.	.	200.00
Grand Commandery, Virginia	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Alexandria-Washington Lodge, Alexandria	.	.	.	.	.	5,000.00
Andrew Jackson Lodge, Alexandria	.	.	.	.	.	2,500.00
Royal Arch Chapter, Alexandria	.	.	.	.	.	2,500.00
Commandery, Alexandria	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Scottish Rite Bodies, Alexandria	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
District of Columbia	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00

The total amount in sight, to warrant plans for building, is about \$72,000, as compared with about \$43,000 the previous year. In addition to the funds pledged, a site has been acquired for the proposed Memorial Temple, 200 feet by 400 feet, on a hill in Alexandria, commanding a splendid view of the city of Washington (six miles away) and a ten-mile stretch of the Potomac River. It is a portion of the land originally selected by Thomas Jefferson for the Capitol of the United States. This site was secured in preference to one formerly considered and which was to cost \$42,000.

One purpose of the Memorial Temple is to provide a suitable repository for the Washington relics now in the possession of Alexandria-Washington Lodge. This collection is said to be the largest outside of the Washington Mansion at Mt. Vernon; and

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it is claimed to have a value of not less than \$1,000,000. Many of them are intimately associated with Washington's Masonic activities.

Another purpose provides "that at least one floor therein be set apart forever as a Memorial Hall, to be under the control of the several Grand Jurisdictions in the United States of America, members of this Association; to provide a place where the several Grand Jurisdictions, members of said Association, may perpetuate, in imperishable form, the memory and achievements of the men whose distinguished services, zealous attachment, and unswerving fidelity to the principles of our institution merit particular and lasting reward; to create, foster, and diffuse a more intimate, fraternal spirit, understanding and intercourse between the several Grand Jurisdictions and Sovereign Grand Bodies throughout the United States and her Insular possessions, members of this Association; to cherish, maintain and extend the wholesome influence and example of our illustrious dead."

The principal purpose of the project, however, is that the memory of George Washington, the Greatest American, the "Father of His Country," should be perpetuated in building a national Memorial to Washington, the Mason, and to perpetuate in imperishable form the momentous Masonic events of his life.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held December 27, 1901, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, November fourth, A.D. 1902, A. L. 5902, will be the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons;

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (whose records show cordial and fraternal relations with our illustrious Brother WASHINGTON, the foremost American citizen, and first President of the United States) do celebrate said Anniversary with suitable ceremonies in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Philadelphia, and recommend similar celebrations by the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction."

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Pursuant to the above, the Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges celebrated the event with elaborate programs which attracted the attention of the public generally, and especially the Masons throughout the United States. I mention the fact to indicate that the Masons of Pennsylvania are considered to have a profound interest in the history of Washington, the Mason. To maintain that reputation it is apparent that they should take an active interest in the proposed Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Washington's Masonic home. It may also be mentioned that our Grand Lodge is reputed to be the wealthiest in the United States.

At the recent convention of the Memorial Association I was called upon to respond for the Grand Lodge and the Masons of Pennsylvania—what they thought of the project and what might be expected in the way of financial assistance. I stated that, so far as my observation went, that the Masons of Pennsylvania knew very little about it; that it had not been brought to their attention in any systematic and adequate manner; and that the Lodges had not been canvassed for subscriptions in any form. I also spoke of the great charitable enterprise of this Grand Jurisdiction, and the disposition to conserve our financial resources for the development of the Elizabethtown Home, which will require a large amount of money. I suggested that the President of the Memorial Association, M. W. Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master of Maryland, should seek a conference with you, with a view of ascertaining your judgment as to the feasibility of organizing a plan to acquaint the Masons of this Jurisdiction with the project and to approach them for assistance. This he said he would be glad to do.

As a condition precedent, however, it should be considered whether our Grand Lodge should in the immediate future give a formal and impressive endorsement of the project which is best evidenced by a substantial donation similar to those of some of the Grand Jurisdictions above enumerated. Inspired as I was by my visit to Alexandria and the doings of the convention, and viewing the project as of great Masonic value, I believe that our Grand Lodge should be able to find a way to appropriate not less than

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\$5,000 for the purpose, and thus place itself in the front rank of Grand Jurisdictions in support of the project. I would recommend that you seriously consider the advisability of prompting such a resolution at the June Communication of the Grand Lodge, that it may be referred to the Committee on Finance and subsequently reported by that committee with such recommendations as it deems proper to make.

Thanking you for the honor of representing you at the convention at Alexandria and the pleasure derived therefrom, I am

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS F. PENMAN.

SCRANTON, March 10, 1916.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, Our late Brother, ARTHUR J. ROWLAND, did by his last Will and Testament, dated the third day of January, 1916, and, since his death, duly probated, provide,

“2. I give the remainder of my estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate unto William J. Thomas, in trust nevertheless as follows: to pay the income thereof to my friend Emma Jones, provided, however, that he allow her the use of my dwelling, and furnishings thereof, as and for the place of her residence when and so long as she may please; and upon her death, to convert all my said estate into cash and pay the proceeds thereof to the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, for the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.”

And WHEREAS, the counsel for the Executor has advised the Grand Master that the Estate of Brother ARTHUR J. ROWLAND consists of a piece of real estate encumbered by two building

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association mortgages in which there is but a small equity and has suggested that in the judgment of the Executor it would be best to sell the property;

And WHEREAS, It is the judgment of the Grand Master that such sale is advisable; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that its consent is hereby given to the Executor of ARTHUR J. ROWLAND, deceased, to make sale of his real estate and that the proper officers of Grand Lodge be authorized to execute any form of assent or consent deemed necessary.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Hazleton, Luzerne County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Brother THOMAS H. FENTON, Senior Grand Deacon, read extracts from "The History of Brother General LAFAYETTE'S Fraternal Connections with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" and offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, This sixth day of September, 1916, marks the 159th Anniversary of the birth of Brother General GILBERT DE MOTIER, Marquis de Lafayette, upon whom, at the Extra Grand Communication of October 2, 1824, was conferred all the rights, dignities and privileges of a member of this Grand Lodge, "a body," to use his own emphatic words, of which Brother BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was the father and Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON the associate; and upon which occasion, Brother JAMES HARPER, R. W. D. G. M., addressing Brother LAFAYETTE, said, in part, "In cordially reciprocating the attachment you have uniformly evinced for our liberties and for our happiness, we owe in addition the pride and sympathy of Masonic Brotherhood.

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Your meritorious life has indeed justly illustrated our principles, and those who now surround you, feel like Washington and Warren, and Franklin, you have won their most affectionate veneration by shedding honour on their beloved Fraternity. In America, as the companion and friend of the wisest and best of mankind, you will ever be regarded as one of the founders of the greatest, purest and happiest of Republics, while in your native land (of France) it can not be forgotten, that amidst the storms of political revolution, and through every vicissitude of personal fortune, you have stood an inflexible example of consistency, moderation and firmness. These impressions, common to the people of the U. S., *but most dear to us*, are now indelibly inscribed upon the records of history, and will pass to our latest posterity with the sanction of national unanimity. Receive then, most valued Brother, the most heartfelt benediction of our sacred Institution."

And WHEREAS, It should be remembered that "the spirit of LAFAYETTE is still abroad in America, stronger and more compelling than at any time in her history. Invincible champion of liberty in his life, he holds us none the less in death. What he did for us in the eighteenth century we do not forget in the twentieth century."

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That at this Quarterly Communication, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., reaffirms with the most hearty accord and sincerity, those sentiments of profound regard and respect for the character of Brother LAFAYETTE which were displayed and recorded in his lifetime by Grand Lodge at the Extra Grand Communication of October second, 1824.

Resolved, That this Lafayette History be referred to the Committee on Library with the recommendation that it be published in pamphlet form.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS and District Deputy Grand Master Brother CHARLES F. BOWER, having been

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appointed a Committee to organize an Employment Bureau, reported as follows:

Mr. Louis A. Watres, Right Worshipful Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

As directed by you, an Employment Bureau has been organized for the purpose of helping worthy Brethren to help themselves and act as a clearing house between Masons desiring positions and prospective employers.

Quarters have been arranged for, in the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, and the necessary equipment and stationery provided or arranged for.

Brother JOHN A. BOLARD has been engaged as Manager and the Bureau is now ready for active work.

You will be interested to learn, that, although but in its infancy, the Bureau has already placed applicants in positions paying in the aggregate over \$7,000 per year.

We respectfully suggest, first, that the existence of the Bureau and its purposes be announced in Grand Lodge and the coöperation of employing Masons be solicited. Secondly, that a circular notice be sent to the Lodges either directly or through the District Deputies, to be read at a Stated Meeting so that the members generally may be advised of the Bureau's activities and their support and assistance encouraged. Thirdly, the appointment of a comprehensive committee to direct and supervise the work of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P.G.M.,
CHARLES F. BOWER, D.D.G.M.,

The Committee.

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The Right Worshipful Grand Master, after announcing the purposes of the Bureau, appointed the following Brethren a Committee on Employ-

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ment: Brothers J. HENRY WILLIAMS, R. W. Past Grand Master, CHARLES F. BOWER, District Deputy Grand Master, JOHN WANAMAKER, MORRIS L. CLOTHIER, EDGAR FAHS SMITH, W. FREELAND KENDRICK, EDWARD A. STOCKTON, JOHN B. STETSON, JR., JOSEPH N. SNELLENBURG and LEWIS W. METZGER.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, 40 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 6, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ JOHN E. McCULLY . . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. SNYDER . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ EDGAR S. NASH . . .	
“ JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	

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Bro. WILLIAM H. HULSIZER . . .	
“ JOHN W. CODDING . . .	
“ S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ HENRY H. BAISH . . .	
“ W. HARRISON WALKER . . .	
“ WILLIAM J. GEALY . . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	
“ RALPH M. ALLISON . . .	
“ R. KAY PORTSER . . .	
“ JOHN M. CORE . . .	
“ CLARENCE A. FERGUSON . . .	
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . . .	
“ HOWARD C. FRONTZ . . .	
“ HARVEY A. MCKILLIP . . .	
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH . . .	
“ JAMES K. SCOTT . . .	
“ WILLIAM A. JORDAN . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .	
“ JOHN G. BROAD . . .	
“ GEORGE HAY KAIN . . .	
“ WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR . . .	
“ ERNEST L. WENTWORTH . . .	
“ IRA G. ROSS . . .	
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES . . .	
“ J. HARVEY HARRISON . . .	
“ JOHN A. CAUGHEY . . .	
“ BENJAMIN PAGE . . .	
“ ALBERT C. ROHLAND . . .	
“ JAMES W. ROBINS . . .	
“ CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD . . .	
“ J. GRAY BOLTON . . .	
“ GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT . . .	
“ FRANK B. LYNCH . . .	

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Chaplains.

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Bro. THOMAS M. JACKSON . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ JOSEPH W. MILES . . .		
“ RICHARD MONTGOMERY . . .		
“ A. LAWRENCE MILLER . . .		
“ FRANCIS M. TAIT . . .	}	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ THOMAS H. FENTON . . .		
“ JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		
“ HORACE E. CAMPBELL . . .		
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	}	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ GEORGE M. MCCANDLESS . . .		
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON . . .		
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .		
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .	}	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
	}	<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
	}	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
	}	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
	}	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
	}	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Four hundred and forty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, 5 minutes, A.M.

A request to vote on the proposed amendments to Article X, Sections 2 and 3, of the Ahiman Rezon, was made by the following named Representatives in accordance with Article IX, Section 17:

Brother DAVID F. COLLINGWOOD, of Lodge No. 576,	
“ CHARLES E. DINKEY, of Lodge No. 510,	
“ ELI EDMUNDSON, JR., of Lodge No. 221,	
“ AZOR R. HUNT, of Lodge No. 582,	
“ ROY F. SHEPARD, of Lodge No. 656.	

This being the time prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon, for the annual election of Grand Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes, to serve during the ensuing Masonic year beginning on St. John the

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Evangelist's Day next, the Grand Master appointed tellers, who reported the following Brethren duly elected:

R. W. Grand Master.

Brother LOUIS A. WATRES.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Brother JOHN S. SELL.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER.

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG.

R. W. Grand Secretary.

Brother JOHN A. PERRY.

Committee on Masonic Homes.

Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY,

R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS,

R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ EDWARD W. PATTON,

“ GEORGE W. McCANDLESS,

“ WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,

“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY,

“ HENRY C. SCHOCK.

The Grand Master also announced that the amendments to Article X, Sections 2 and 3, of the Ahiman Rezon, were adopted.

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The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held September 6, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from L. J. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from H. G. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from W. N. E. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion of W. B., who was expelled from said Lodge June 27, 1911, for un-Masonic conduct, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

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GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report with proposed amendments to the By-Laws governing the management of the Fund, when, on separate motions, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN :

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully report for the fiscal year ending November 15, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916:

Balance on hand November 15, 1915	.	.	.	\$3,166.36
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DEBITS.

Received from R. W. Grand Lodge	.	.	.	\$3,500.00
Received from Interest on Investments in General Fund	.	.	.	5,577.00
Received from Interest on Investments in Singleton Fund	.	.	.	1,287.86
Received from Interest in Fidelity Trust Co.	.	.	.	78.72
Received in Purchase Settlement of Mahoning & Shenango Bonds, Jan. 11, 1916	.	.	.	21.11
Received on Sale of Mahoning & Shenango Bonds, June 12, 1916	.	.	.	3,962.78
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				\$17,593.83

CREDITS.

Paid for Rent of Fidelity Trust Co. 1 Box	\$15.00
Paid Almoners, Class No. 1	2,400.00
Paid Almoners, Class No. 2	2,100.00
Paid Almoners, Class No. 3	2,100.00
Paid Almoners, Class No. 4	2,400.00

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Paid in Purchase of \$6,000 City 4's with Premiums and Accrued Interest July 6, 1916	\$6,072.11
Balance on hand November 15, 1916, in General Fund	2,506.72
	<hr/> \$17,593.83 <hr/> <hr/>

All securities are deposited in fire-proof vaults of the Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia, and are as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Par.	Name of Security.	Cost.
\$42,800.00	Masonic Home Loan of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania	\$42,800.00
11,000.00	Aurora, Elgin & Chicago, 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 per cent. Bonds	10,472.88
5,000.00	Darby, Media & Chester Railway Co.	4,963.75
4,000.00	Lehigh Valley Coal Co., 1st Mtge.	4,313.75
2,000.00	Union Traction Co. of Indiana	1,997.50
10,000.00	Altoona & Logan R. R. Electric Ry., 1st 4's	9,471.25
2,000.00	Philadelphia & Suburban Gas & Elec- tric Co. 5's	1,865.83
2,000.00	Roanoke Traction & Light Co.	1,885.83
2,000.00	Minneapolis Gas Light Co.	2,048.10
5,000.00	American Railways Co. Trust, 5 per cent.	4,745.84
1,000.00	American Pipe Mfg. Co.	955.33
5,000.00	Philadelphia & Electric Gold Trust Cert.	5,112.50
12,000.00	Gas Light Co. Augusta	10,943.33
5,000.00	Suburban Gas Light Co. of Phila- delphia	4,822.92
5,000.00	Phila. Co. Consol. Mtge. 5's	4,925.00
2,000.00	Penna. R. R. General 4½ per cent. Gold Bonds	1,983.30

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Par.	Name of Security.	Cost.
\$2,000.00	United Railways Inv. Co. . . .	\$1,651.39
6,000.00	City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Bonds	6,067.50
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\$123,800.00		\$121,026.00
2,506.72	Cash Balance	2,506.72
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\$126,306.72		\$123,532.72
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THOMAS SINGLETON BEQUEST.

Par.	Name of Security.	Cost.
\$13,000.00	Masonic Home Loan of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania .	\$13,000.00
3,000.00	Lehigh Valley Coal Co. 1st Mtge. .	3,251.25
3,000.00	Union Traction Co. of Indiana .	2,997.50
500.00	North Springfield Water Co. . .	517.36
500.00	United Railways Gold Trust . .	443.75
600.00	Electric & Peoples Traction . .	604.50
300.00	Philadelphia & Electric Gold Trust Cert.	300.75
5,000.00	Philadelphia Co. Consol. Mtge. 5 per cent.	5,220.00
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		\$26,335.11
2,000.00	3 Ground Rents in Philadelphia .	2,000.00
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\$27,900.00		\$28,335.11
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Add Cash and Securities in General Fund		123,532.72
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		\$151,867.83
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Certain investments which have been held in the Fund for a number of years past are not legal securities as required by the Ahiman Rezon and the By-Laws governing the management of the Fund.

Investments are thereby confined to Masonic Loans, National, State or City Loans, or Ground Rents or mortgages.

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While the class of securities so held yield a larger return of income than can be obtained from the required class of securities, the Trustees desire to convert them so that the entire fund shall conform to the Ahiman Rezon and the By-Laws enacted by the Grand Lodge for the management of the Fund.

An immediate sale of these securities would no doubt result in a material reduction in capital, which the Trustees believe can be avoided by holding some of the investments until the loans mature and selling others whenever it can be done to the best advantage.

The Trustees have conferred with the Finance Committee who concur in recommending that that course be pursued.

The Trustees therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be authorized to sell and dispose of such securities held in the said Fund as are not legal securities as required by the Ahiman Rezon and the By-Laws governing the management of the Fund, when in their judgment it shall be to the best advantage of the said Fund to do so.

The Trustees also recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty-five Hundred Dollars be and the same is appropriated to the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, out of the income of the said Fund, for the year ending December 27, 1917, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

The Trustees have unanimously approved certain amendments to the present "By-Laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund," which were proposed in writing at a stated meeting of the Trustees and approved at a subsequent stated meeting, and are herewith submitted for the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

The purposes of the proposed amendments are:

(1) To avoid any confusion in terms between contributions to capital of this fund and contributions for distribution to Almoners, by appropriation of the Grand Lodge;

(2) To authorize the Trustees to do what has heretofore been done without authority of the By-Laws, namely, to invest

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any balances of income remaining unappropriated to the Almoners at the end of each year, in order to lawfully increase the capital of the Fund;

(3) To have the By-Laws conform to the present practice in drawing upon the Trustees for the amount appropriated to the Almoners;

(4) To change the designation of these rules from "By-Laws" to "Rules and Regulations" in order to conform to the language used in reference thereto in the Ahiman Rezon;

(5) To provide that any amendments shall be proposed and approved by the Trustees before being sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

The amendments now proposed do not affect the present articles governing the Almoners.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund duly proposed and approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and the same are hereby approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Amend the title by striking out the word "By-Laws" and inserting "Rules and Regulations Governing the Management," so that the title shall read "Rules and Regulations Governing the Management of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund."

Amend Article II by striking out the words "subscriptions from" at the bottom of page 3 and top of page 4 and inserting in lieu thereof "contributions to capital by appropriation of," so that the said Article shall read:

The Capital of this Fund shall be at least One-hundred Thousand Dollars, and shall be created in the following manner, viz.: By all moneys and investments now belonging to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund; by annual contributions to capital by appropriation of the Grand Lodge, and by contributions, legacies and bequests from individual members of the Masonic Fraternity or other persons.

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Amend Article III as follows:

(1) By striking out the words "subscription of" on the first line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof "contribution to capital from";

(2) After the words in parenthesis "(the latter not being otherwise specifically directed)," insert "together with any balance of income remaining unappropriated to the Almoners at the end of the year";

(3) After the words "Ground Rents or" insert the word "First," so that the said Article shall read:

The annual contribution to capital from the Grand Lodge, together with all contributions, legacies and bequests of individual members, or other persons (the latter not being otherwise specifically directed), together with any balance of income remaining unappropriated to the Almoners at the end of the year, shall be forthwith invested in Masonic Loans, National, State or City Loans, or in Ground Rents or First Mortgages, and shall continue to be so invested annually, and at other times if necessary.

Amend Article IV by striking out the words "subscription of" on the third line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof "contribution to capital from," and by inserting at the top of page 5 after the words "as may be required" the words "together with such sums as the Grand Lodge shall annually appropriate to this fund for distribution," so that the said Article shall read:

The interest on the investments of the present Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the interest on the annual contribution to capital from the Grand Lodge, and the interest on all contributions, legacies and bequests of individual members, or other persons (the latter not being otherwise specifically directed), or such portions of these several sums as may be required, together with such sums as the Grand Lodge shall annually appropriate to this fund for distribution, shall be distributed amongst such persons as may be entitled to relief under the provisions of the first Article of these By-Laws.

Amend Article V, Section 3, at the foot of page 5, by striking out the word "By-Laws," and inserting in lieu thereof "Rules and Regulations," so that the said section of the said Article shall read:

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They shall make all investments on account of said Fund, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, but shall not sell, transfer or dispose of any of said investments without the approval of the Grand Master, and shall not receive or execute any Deed, Bond, Certificate, or other instrument of writing, or make any deposits of moneys, except as "Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund," for themselves and their successors in office.

Amend Article V, Section 4, by striking out the words "R. W. Grand Treasurer" after the words "upon the" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Trustees," so that the said section of the said Article shall read:

On the first Tuesday in January, April, July and October in each year, they shall declare and appropriate the amount to be distributed in Charity the ensuing quarterly term, and thereupon the R. W. Grand Master shall draw his warrant, to be attested by the R. W. Grand Secretary, upon the Trustees, in favor of the Board of Almoners for the payment of the amount so appropriated: Provided that the appropriations for the year shall in no case exceed the income accruing to said Fund.

Amend Article VIII by striking out the word "By-Laws" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Rules and Regulations," and by striking out the words "Board of Almoners" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Trustees," so that the said Article shall read:

These Rules and Regulations may be extended, altered or revised, provided the same be proposed in writing at a stated meeting of the Trustees, and approved by a majority thereof at a subsequent stated meeting, and receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. WHITAKER THOMPSON,
THOMAS W. AYERS,
EUGENE ZIEGLER,
J. WARNER HUTCHINS,
J. WAELDER McMULLEN,
Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

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GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15, 1916:

From Dividends and Interest on Investments	\$3,818.80	
From Interest on Deposit, Penna. Trust Co.	15.26	
		————— \$3,834.06
To which add Balance November 15, 1915, as per report of Committee on Finance		286.47
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Making a total of		\$4,120.53
They have paid out in the same period:		
Orders for the use of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund	\$3,500.00	
For rent of Safe in Fidelity Trust Co.	7.50	
W. B. HACKENBURG, Grand Treas., Int. overpaid	5.00	
		————— 3,512.50
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Leaving Balance, November 15, 1916, of		\$608.03
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The Investments of the Trustees amount to \$89,300 par value, as per schedule annexed.

The accounts and securities of the Trust have been examined by the Committee on Finance and found correct.

The annual income of the Fund, exclusive of interest on deposits, is about \$3,800.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars be,

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and the same is, appropriated to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, for the year ending December, 1917, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 16, 1915	\$89,300.00	\$286.47

RECEIPTS.

Received Income on Investments	.	.	3,818.80
Received Interest on Deposit	.	.	15.26
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			\$89,300.00 \$4,120.53
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Rent of Safe	\$7.50
Paid Interest overpaid	5.00
Paid Grand Treasurer	3,500.00
Balance November 15, 1916	608.03
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					\$89,300.00 \$4,120.53
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SECURITIES HELD BY TRUSTEES OF GIRARD BEQUEST DEPOSITED WITH FIDELITY TRUST CO.

Par.	Description.	Rate. Per Cent.	Maturity.	Cost.
\$67,000.00	Masonic Loan	. 4	1931	\$67,000.00
8,000.00	Electric & Peoples Tr.			
	Co. St. Certfs.	. 4	1945	7,663.25
5,000.00	Baldwin Loco. Wks. 1st			
	Mtge. Bonds	. 5	1940	5,040.00
2,000.00	Lehigh & N. Eng. R. R.			
	Equip. Tr.	. 4½	1923	1,870.20
1,000.00	Phila. & Read'g Ter.			
	Bonds	. 5	1941	1,027.50
1,000.00	York Rwy. Co. 1st			
	Mtge. Bonds	. 5	1937	947.50

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Par.	Description.	Rate. Per Cent.	Maturity.	Cost.
\$500.00	Wilkes-Barre & Wyoming Valley Trac. Co. 1st Mtge. Bonds	. 5	1921	\$500.00
1,200.00	Mortgage on No. 5463 Spring St., Tax Receipt for 1916 exhibited	5 ² / ₅	1912	1,200.00
2,150.00	43 Shs. Lehigh Coal & Nav. St.			2,051.19
500.00	10 Shs. Continental Pass. Rwy. St. . . .			1,030.00
950.00	19 Shs. Penna. R. R. Stock			1,038.69
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\$89,300.00				<hr/>
				\$89,368.33 <hr/>

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY F. MITCHELL,
ROBERT W. MONTGOMERY,
HENRY G. BRUNER,
PAUL J. PONTIUS,
EDWARD T. ALBURGER,
Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund (which was founded by the late Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, in memory of his beloved

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wife, Ellen H. Graham Patton) respectfully report for the fiscal year ending with the 15th day of November, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916:

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 15, 1915	\$1,287.88	\$22.45
Interest received during year on Bonds secured by mortgages		325.00
Interest on deposits		17.32
Interest on other securities		4,873.00
Transferred to Principal from Income for investment	1,309.44	
	<u>\$2,597.32</u>	<u>\$5,237.77</u>

PAYMENTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Grand Treasurer, for use of Bursars		\$3,900.00
Rent of Safe—Philadelphia Trust Co.		15.00
Transferred to Principal Account from In- come for Investment		1,309.44
Interest October 1 to December 31, 1915, on \$1,000 John Wanamaker First Mortgage 5 per cent. Bond		10.00
Investment, \$1,000 John Wanamaker First Mortgage 5 per cent. Bond, par	\$1,000.00	
Balance	1,597.32	3.33
	<u>\$2,597.32</u>	<u>\$5,237.77</u>

THE SECURITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Par.		Due.	Cost.
\$10,000	Lehigh Valley Ry. 4½'s	July 1, 1940	\$10,636.25
1,000	Paterson & Pas- saic G. & E. L. 5's	March 1, 1949	1,025.83
5,000	Phila. & Erie R. R. 4's	April 1, 1920	5,037.50

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Par.		Due.	Cost.
\$1,000	Phila. & Reading Ex. 5's	October 1, 1933	\$1,025.00
5,000	Atlantic City Ry. 5's	May 1, 1919	5,387.50
5,000	Citizens St. R. R. Inc. 5's	May 1, 1933	5,212.50
7,000	Phila. Elec. Gold Trust 5's	April 1, 1948	6,967.50
5,500	Bond & Mtge., 1714 Columbia Ave., 5 per cent.; Assessed \$8,000; 1915 Tax Receipt shown		5,500.00
1,000	Bond & Mtge. 243-45 Monroe St., 5 per cent.; Assessed \$4,600 Taxsearch 1915 shown; past due		1,000.00
10,000	Elec. & Peoples Pass. Ry. 4's	October 1, 1945	10,000.00
10,000	New York Gas & Elec. L. H. & P. 4's	February 1, 1949	10,000.00
10,000	Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 1st Mtge. 4's	July 1, 1948	10,000.00
2,000	Wyoming Coal Company 6's	July 1, 1917	2,000.00
500	Citizens St. Ry. Mun. 6's	December 1, 1927	500.00
4,000	Baltimore & Ohio R. R. P. L. 3½'s	July 1, 1925	3,735.00

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Par.		Due.	Cost.
\$11,000	Schuylkill River		
	East Side 4's .	June 1, 1925	\$10,725.00
6,000	Northern Pacific		
	R. R. P. L. 4's	January 1, 1997	6,247.50
5,000	Phila. & Reading		
	Improvem't 4's	January 1, 1947	5,222.50
2,000	Lehigh Coal &		
	Navigation 4's	July 1, 1948	2,010.00
10,200	City of Philadel-		
	phia 4's . . .	1938-1941	10,527.45
7,650	Masonic Home 4		
	per cent. Loan	July 1, 1931	7,650.00
1,000	Penna. Building		
	Co. 5 9/10's .	November 15, 1919	1,005.00
1,000	John Wanamaker		
	1st Mtge. 5 per		
	cent. . . .	April 1, 1923	1,000.00
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\$120,850			\$122,414.53
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The securities are in a Safe Deposit Box with the Philadelphia Trust Company.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund for the year ending St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1917, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND D. SCHOLEY,
THOMAS R. PATTON,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
FRED PAUL SHER,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

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THOMAS RANKEN PATTON MASONIC INSTI-
TUTION FOR BOYS.

The Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys beg to report as follows for period from November 15, 1915, to November 15, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 15, 1915	\$7,971.15	
Income on Investments		\$47,757.10
Interest on Deposits		297.50
Rent Advertising Signboards, St. Louis, Mo.		175.00
1916.		
Jan. 4. Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. bond redeemed	1,025.00	
July 1. Masonic Home Loan Ctfs. re- deemed	60,000.00	
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	\$68,996.15	\$48,229.60
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EXPENDITURES.

	Principal.	Income.
Taxes		\$3,071.81
Taxes St. Louis, a/c 1st Sec. Dist. Sewer		720.75
Taxes St. Louis, a/c 2nd Sec. Dist. Sewer		757.96
(1st instalment— $\frac{1}{3}$ of Special Assessment)		

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		Principal.	Income.
	Water rent		\$97.00
	Salary of clerk		291.66
	Rent of safe deposit box		20.00
	Commissions for collecting rents		279.72
	Sundries		37.75
1916.			
Jan. 22.	\$8,000 Bor. of Dormont, Pa., 4½ per cent.	\$8,466.60	
" 28.	\$4,000 Bor. of Dormont, Pa., 4½ per cent.	4,235.80	
May 11.	\$5,000 Hazleton, Pa., Re- funding 4½ per cent.	5,170.50	
" 11.	\$5,000 Hazleton, Pa., Re- funding 4½ per cent.	5,191.50	
June 28.	\$10,000 Sheraden, Pa., 4½ per cent.	10,390.75	
Aug. 2.	\$8,000 City of Erie, Pa., 4¼ per cent.	8,260.94	
" 3.	\$7,300 City of Pittsburgh, Pa., 4½ per cent.	7,531.92	
" 31.	\$10,000 Borough of Beaver, Pa., 4¼ per cent.	10,311.61	
Sept. 22.	\$5,000 Lewistown, Pa., School Disct., 4½ per cent.	5,310.37	
Oct. 11.	\$2,000 City of Pittsburgh, Pa., 4¼ per cent.	2,040.89	
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		\$66,910.88	\$5,276.65
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Balance, November 15, 1916, Transferred to:			
	Principal		\$45,038.22
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CASH ACCOUNT.

	DEBIT.	Principal.	Income.
1915.			
Nov. 15.	Balance	\$7,971.15	
" 23.	Interest, Borough of Wilkinsburg, Pa.		\$212.50
" 23.	Six mos. rent St. Louis Terminal Asso.		7,462.47
Dec. 3.	Interest, Broadway & 7th Ave. Ry. Co.		300.00
" 3.	Interest, Citizens St. Ry. Co. of Muncie, Ind.		30.00
" 17.	Six mos. int. Mtge. 4623 Spruce St., Phila.		162.50
1916.			
Jan. 3.	Interest, Consumers Brewing Co.		115.00
" 3.	Interest, United Rys. Gold Tr. Ctfs.		1,640.00
" 3.	Interest, City of Philadelphia		400.00
" 3.	Interest, City of Philadelphia		300.00
" 3.	Interest, City of Philadelphia		340.00
" 3.	Interest, City of Philadelphia		1,200.00
" 3.	Interest, City of Philadelphia		175.00
" 3.	Interest, City of Philadelphia Sch. Disct.		260.00
" 3.	Interest, Borough of Prospect Park, Pa.		157.50
" 3.	Interest, Masonic Home Loan Ctfs.		1,627.00
" 3.	Dividend, Reading Traction Co.		750.00
" 3.	Dividend, Susquehanna Tr. & Safe Dep. Co.		175.00
" 3.	Dividend, 13th & 15th Sts. Pass. Rly. Co.		600.00
" 4.	Interest, Equitable Ill. Gas Lt. Co.		75.00
" 4.	Interest, Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. Co.		120.00

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		Principal.	Income.
1916.			
Jan.	4. Six mos. rent St. Louis Terminal Asso.		\$416.99
"	4. Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. Co. bond redeemed	\$1,025.00	
"	4. Interest, Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. bond		30.00
"	6. Interest, City of Scranton, Pa.		340.00
"	11. Interest, Trenton Potteries Funding Ctfs.		400.00
"	25. Dividend, Trenton Potteries Co.		200.00
Feb.	2. Interest, Interstate Railways Co.		800.00
"	2. Interest, Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. L. Ry. Co.		105.00
"	2. Interest, City of Allegheny, Pa.		52.50
"	2. Dividend, Penn Traffic Co.		26.70
"	16. Six mos. int. Mtge. Adam A. Catanach		500.00
Mch.	1. Interest, Webster Coal & Coke Co.		1,000.00
"	20. Rent Adv. Signboards, St. Louis, Mo.		57.50
Apr.	4. Interest, Seaboard Air Line Rly. Co.		100.00
"	4. Interest, Suburban Gas Co. of Phila.		500.00
"	4. Interest, Allegheny County Bridge Bonds		180.00
"	26. Dividend, Trenton Potteries Co.		200.00
May	1. Interest, Phila. & West Chester Trac. Co.		125.00
"	1. Interest, City of Pittsburgh, Pa.		340.00
"	1. Dividend, West End Trust Co.		100.00

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		Principal.	Income.
1916.			
May	16. Interest, Borough of Wilkinsburg, Pa.		\$212.50
"	25. Six mos. rent St. Louis Terminal Asso.		7,462.47
June	5. Interest, Broadway & 7th Ave. Ry. Co.		300.00
"	5. Interest, Citizens St. Ry. Co.		30.00
"	5. Interest, Borough of Dormont, Pa.		270.00
"	19. Six mos. int. Mtge. 4623 Spruce St., Phila.		162.50
"	20. Interest, Borough of Prospect Park, Pa.		157.50
July	1. Interest, Consumers' Brewing Co.		115.00
"	1. Interest, Equitable Ill. Gas Lt. Co.		75.00
"	1. Interest, Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. Co.		120.00
"	1. Interest, United Railways Gold Tr. Ctfs.		1,640.00
"	1. Interest, City of Philadelphia		400.00
"	1. Interest, City of Philadelphia		300.00
"	1. Interest, City of Philadelphia		340.00
"	1. Interest, City of Philadelphia		1,200.00
"	1. Interest, City of Philadelphia		175.00
"	1. Interest, City of Philadelphia Sch. Disct.		260.00
"	1. Interest, City of Scranton, Pa.		340.00
"	1. Interest, Masonic Home Loan Ctfs.		1,627.00
"	1. Dividend, Reading Traction Co.		750.00
"	1. Dividend, Susquehanna Tr. & Safe Dep. Co.		175.00
"	1. Dividend, 13th & 15th Sts. Pass. Ry. Co.		600.00

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		Principal.	Income.
1916.			
July	1. Masonic Home Loan Ctfs. re- deemed	\$60,000.00	
"	3. Six mos. rent St. Louis Ter- minal Asso.		\$416.99
"	10. Interest, Trenton Potteries Funding Ctfs.		400.00
"	25. Dividend, Trenton Potteries Co.		300.00
Aug.	1. Interest, Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. L. Ry.		105.00
"	1. Interest, City of Allegheny, Pa.		52.50
"	1. Dividend, Penn Traffic Co.		40.05
"	3. Interest, Interstate Railways Co.		800.00
"	16. Six mos. int. Mtge. Adam A. Catanach		500.00
"	31. Rent. Adv. Signboards, St. Louis, Mo.		57.50
Sept.	1. Interest, Webster Coal & Coke Co.		1,000.00
"	1. Interest, City of Pittsburgh, Pa.		164.25
"	25. St. Louis drafts recalled— District Sewer:		
	Mississippi Valley Tr. Co. a/c 2nd Sec. (See Cr. Income)		1,542.85
	Mercantile Tr. Co. a/c 2nd Sec. (See Cr. Income)		729.97
Oct.	3. Interest, Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co.		100.00
"	3. Interest, Suburban Gas Com- pany		500.00
"	3. Interest, Allegheny County Bridge Bonds		180.00

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		Principal.	Income.
1916.			
Oct.	3. Interest, Hazleton, Pa., Re- funding Bonds		\$225.00
"	11. Dividend, Phila. Rapid Tran- sit Co.		50.00
"	26. Dividend, Trenton Potteries Co.		300.00
Nov.	1. Interest, Phila. & West Ches- ter Trac. Co.		125.00
"	1. Dividend, West End Trust Co.		100.00
"	2. Interest, City of Pittsburgh, Pa.		340.00
"	10. Rent Adv. Signboards, St. Louis, Mo.		60.00
	Net Income Rents—Phila. Properties		3,127.29
	Net Income Rents—Cincin- nati Properties		700.89
	Interest on deposits to Nov. 15, 1916, at Philadelphia Trust Co.		297.50
		<u>\$68,996.15</u>	<u>\$50,502.42</u>
1915.	CREDITS.		
	Commissions, Rent Collections		\$279.72
Dec.	10. Taxes for 1915, St. Louis property		2,280.60
1916.			
Jan.	3. Care of cemetery lot to Dec. 31, 1915		10.00
"	22. Borough of Dormont, Pa., 4½ per cent.	\$8,466.60	
"	28. Borough of Dormont, Pa., 4½ per cent.	4,235.80	
Mch.	1. Printing 500 cards in re meet- ings		2.75
"	1. Clerical services Sept. 1, 1915, to Mch. 1, 1916		100.00

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		Principal.	Income.
1916.			
May	1. Water rent for 1916, Phila. properties		\$97.00
"	1. Taxes for 1916, Phila. properties		768.64
"	11. Hazleton, Pa., Refunding 4½ per cent.	\$5,170.50	
"	11. Hazleton, Pa., Refunding 4½ per cent.	5,191.50	
"	11. Road tax for 1916, E. Lansdale property		10.54
June	28. Sheraden, Pa., 4½ per cent.	10,390.75	
"	29. Phila. Tr. Co. for purchase of draft on St. Louis, Mo., order Miss. Val. Tr. Co. acct. District Sewer (See Dr. Income)		1,542.85
"	29. Phila. Tr. Co. for purchase of draft on St. Louis, Mo., order Mercantile Tr. Co. acct. District Sewer (See Dr. Income)		729.97
July	1. Clerical services to July 1, 1916		116.66
Aug.	2. City of Erie, Pa., School, 4¼ per cent.	8,260.94	
"	3. City of Pittsburgh, Pa. 4½ per cent.	7,531.92	
Sept.	1. School tax for 1916, E. Lansdale property		8.33
"	1. County tax for 1916, E. Lansdale property		3.70
Aug.	31. Borough of Beaver, Pa., 4¼ per cent.	10,311.61	
Sept.	22. Lewistown, Pa., School District 4½ per cent.	5,310.37	
"	25. ⅓ amt. taxes Second Con. District Sewer		514.53
"	25. ⅓ amt. taxes Second Con. District Sewer		243.43

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	Principal.	Income.
1916.		
Sept. 25. $\frac{1}{3}$ amt. taxes First Con. District Sewer		\$489.28
“ 25. $\frac{1}{3}$ amt. taxes First Con. District Sewer		231.47
Oct. 2. Clerical services July, Aug. & Sept., 1916		75.00
“ 9. Rent Safe Dep. Box, Phila. Tr. Co.		20.00
“ 11. City of Pittsburgh, Pa., $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.	\$2,040.89	
“ 25. Appraising lots in St. Louis, Mo.		25.00
	<u>\$66,910.88</u>	<u>\$7,549.47</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Principal—Receipts	\$61,025.00
Income—Receipts	50,502.42
To which add balance of November 15, 1915	7,971.15
	<u>\$119,498.57</u>
Investments	\$66,910.88
Expense	7,549.47
Balance November 15, 1916, in Philadelphia Trust Co.	45,038.22
	<u>\$119,498.57</u>

SECURITIES—SCHEDULE No. 1.

	Par Value.	Cost.
Broadway and 7th Ave. Ry. Co. 1st Cons. 5 per cent., due 1943	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Citizens' St. Ry. Co. of Muncie, Ind., 1st, 6 per cent., due 1927	1,000.00	1,050.00
Consumers' Brewing Co. Genl. 4 per cent. (Ctf. of Deposit) due 1943	11,500.00	4,600.00
Equitable Ill. Gas Lt. Co. of Phila. 5 per cent., due 1928	3,000.00	3,180.00
Interstate Railways Co. Col. Tr. 4 per cent., due 1943	40,000.00	25,000.00
Lake Superior Corp. Income 5 per cent., due 1924	1,000.00	500.00

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	ParValue.	Cost.
Phila. & West Chester Trac. Co. St. Tr.		
Ctfs. 5 per cent.	\$5,000.00	\$5,850.00
Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. L. Ry. Co.		
Cons. Mtg. 3½ per cent., due 1949	6,000.00	5,100.00
Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. 1st. 4 per cent., due 1950	5,000.00	4,000.00
Suburban Gas Co. of Phila. 1st, 5 per cent., due 1952	20,000.00	20,000.00
Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. Co. 1st, 6 per cent., due 1921	4,000.00	4,000.00
Trenton Potteries Co. Funding Ctfs. 4 per cent.	20,000.00	13,000.00
United Railways Gold Tr. Ctfs. 4 per cent., due 1949	82,000.00	65,600.00
Webster Coal & Coke Co. 1st Cons. 5 per cent., due 1942	40,000.00	40,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1938	20,000.00	20,675.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1939	15,000.00	15,506.25
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1940	17,000.00	17,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1945	60,000.00	60,000.00
City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent.,		
\$2,000 due 1922		
6,000 due 1923		
1,000 due 1924		
1,000 due 1925		
—————	10,000.00	9,637.90
City of Philadelphia Sch. Disct. 4 per cent., due 1932	13,000.00	13,000.00
Borough of Wilkinsburg, Pa., Sch. Disct.		
4¼ per cent., due 1926	10,000.00	10,175.00
Borough of Prospect Park, Pa., Gen.		
Impt. 4½ per cent., due 1940	7,000.00	7,168.00
City of Allegheny, Pa., 3rd Ward Sch.		
Disct. 3½ per cent., due 1928	3,000.00	2,782.50
Allegheny County, Pa., Bridge 4 per cent., due 1940	9,000.00	8,977.50
Grand Lodge of Pa. Masonic Home Loan		
Ctfs. 4 per cent., due 1931	21,350.00	21,350.00

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	Par Value.	Cost.
City of Scranton, Pa., 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.		
\$6,000 due 1921		
6,000 due 1922		
4,000 due 1923		
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City of Pittsburgh, Pa., Penn Ave. Impt.		
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., due 1926	16,000.00	16,237.28
Borough of Dormont, Pa., Improvement		
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., due 1935	12,000.00	12,620.40
Hazleton, Pa., Refunding 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.,		
\$5,000 due 1922		
5,000 due 1923		
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Borough of Sheraden, Pa., Fdg. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per		
cent., due 1924	10,000.00	10,357.00
City of Erie, Pa., Sch. District 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per		
cent., due 1935	8,000.00	8,260.00
City of Pittsburgh, Pa., Park Loan 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
per cent., \$3,600 due 1920		
3,700 due 1921		
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Borough of Beaver, Pa., Refunding 4 $\frac{1}{4}$		
per cent., \$1,000 due 1928		
1,000 due 1929		
1,000 due 1931		
1,000 due 1932		
1,000 due 1933		
1,000 due 1934		
1,000 due 1935		
1,000 due 1936		
1,000 due 1937		
1,000 due 1938		
<hr/>	10,000.00	10,276.20
Borough of Lewistown, Pa., Sch. Disct.		
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., due 1931	5,000.00	5,278.50
City of Pittsburgh, Pa., Playground 4 $\frac{1}{4}$		
per cent., \$1,000 due 1918		
1,000 due 1919		
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ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

	Par Value.	Cost.
Bond & Mortgage, Adam A. Catanach, August 16, 1909–August 16, 1912 .	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Bond & Mortgage, Mrs. Harry H. Rudolph, June 17, 1915–June 17, 1920	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Shares.	
Huntingdon & Broad Top Mtn. R. R. & Coal Co.	90 Pfd.	5,400.00
Huntingdon & Broad Top Mtn. R. R. & Coal Co.	600 Com.	12,000.00
National Smelting Co.	2,250	2,500.00
Penna. Casualty Co. of Scranton, Pa. .	18	1,170.00
Phila. Mortgage & Trust Co.	21½	150.00
Phila. Rapid Transit Co.	50	1,700.00
Penn Traffic Co.	534	1,335.00
Reading Traction Co.	1,000	30,000.00
Susquehanna Tr. & S. Dep. Co. of Williamsport, Pa.	100	12,500.00
13th & 15th Sts. Pass. Ry. Co. . . .	100	30,000.00
Trenton Potteries Co.	200 Pfd.	14,000.00
West End Trust Co.	25	6,500.00
		<u>\$632,818.11</u>

REAL ESTATE—SCHEDULE No. 2.

	App. Values.
Nos. 1601, 1605 Harrison Ave. and No. 1600 Queen City Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio	\$7,000.00
No. 1228 Locust St., Phila., Pa. . . .	9,000.00
No. 227 S. 13th St., Phila., Pa. . . .	32,000.00
Nos. 401–407 S. 13th St., Phila., Pa. . .	20,000.00
Lot Montgomery Township, adjoining Lansdale, Pa.	1,400.00
Lot Montgomery Township, adjoining Lansdale, Pa.	1,400.00
Lot Montgomery Township, adjoining Lansdale, Pa.	900.00
Lease of lots, St. Louis, Mo.	16,600.00
Lease of lots, St. Louis, Mo.	300,000.00
	<u>\$388,300.00</u>
Claim against Tradesmen's Trust Co., Phila., Pa.	\$744.16

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	App. Values.
RECAPITULATION.	
Cash	\$45,038.22
Safe	152.50
Securities, Schedule No. 1	632,818.11
Real Estate, Schedule No. 2	388,300.00
Claim against Tradesmen's Trust Co., Philada., Pa.	744.16
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	\$1,067,052.99
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In addition to the assets above mentioned, the Trustees also hold sixty (60) lots of ground in the City of St. Louis, Mo., no appraisement of which has yet been made. They adjoin or are in close proximity to the lots leased, appearing in Schedule No. 2.

No changes have taken place in the securities previously reported as of no value.

The Trustees invest from time to time the income, adding it to the principal.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

LOUIS A. WATRES,
 JAMES B. KRAUSE,
 JOHN S. SELL,
 ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,
 GEORGE B. ORLADY,
 J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
 EDWARD W. PATTON,
 GEORGE W. McCANDLESS,
 WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
 ANDREW H. HERSHEY,
 HENRY C. SCHOCK,
 GEORGE S. GRAHAM,
 CLEMENT B. NEWBOLD,
 THOMAS R. PATTON,
 MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest make the following report of their trust:

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	Principal.	Income.
The Trustees charge themselves with the balance on hand on Nov. 15, 1915 .		\$160.00
The Trustees charge themselves with the total of principal investments as per Schedule A attached hereto	\$15,800.00	
The Trustees charge themselves with total amount of income collected interest on mortgages, as per Schedule B attached hereto		805.30
The Trustees charge themselves with interest on deposit, Commercial Trust Company		11.30
	<u>\$15,800.00</u>	<u>\$976.60</u>

CR.

	Principal.	Income.
The Trustees ask credit for the following:		
By securities, mortgages on hand as per Schedule A	\$15,800.00	
By cash paid Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on November 1, 1916		\$900.00
Balance on hand, November 15, 1916 .		76.60
	<u>\$15,800.00</u>	<u>\$976.60</u>

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MORTGAGES HELD BY TRUSTEES OF STEPHEN TAYLOR
BEQUEST.

SCHEDULE A.

Mortgage of Louis Chepnick, 2415 S. Marshall St., \$1,000 at $4\frac{9}{10}$ per cent. Interest payable 30th of May and 30th of November.

Mortgage of Walter A. W. Dilmore, 5618 Walton Ave., \$1,200 at $4\frac{9}{10}$ per cent. Interest payable 18th of January and 18th of July.

Mortgage of Lawrence Hyland and Mary, his wife, 5561 Pearl St., \$1,900 at 5 per cent. Interest payable February 14 and August 14.

Mortgage of Robert S. Rudolph, 5212 Fitzwater St., \$2,200 at 5 per cent. Interest payable January 13 and July 13.

Mortgage of Martin E. McDonough, 628 S. 52d St., \$2,500 at 5 per cent. Interest payable November 10 and May 10.

Mortgage of Joseph Gilfillan, 1101 N. 42d St., \$3,000 at 5 per cent. Interest now paid by Mrs. Celia Iagnatov. Payable August 23 and February 23.

Mortgage of George R. Camp, 513 S. 45th St., \$4,000 at 5 per cent. Interest payable May 18 and November 18.

TRUSTEES OF THE STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN ACCOUNT
WITH GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SCHEDULE B.

The Trustees charge themselves with income received as follows:

1915.

Nov. 17.	To int. Mrs. Hyland, 5561 Pearl St., balance.	\$17.50
" 29.	To int. M. R. McDonough, 628 S. 52d St.	62.50
" 29.	To int. Geo. R. Camp, 513 S. 45th St.	100.00
" 30.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 2415 S. Marshall	
	shall	24.50
Dec. 13.	To int. Commercial Trust Co., on deposit	3.11
" 22.	To int. Commercial Trust Co., on deposit	2.72

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1916.

Jan.	18.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs. 5618 Walton Ave.	\$29.40
"	14.	To int. Henry W. Baxter, 5212 Walton Ave. (formerly Fitzwater St.)	55.00
Feb.	18.	To int. Mrs. Celia Iagnatov, 1101 N. 42d St.	75.00
Mar.	21.	To int. Mrs. L. Hyland, 5561 Pearl St. .	47.50
May	17.	To int. M. R. McDonough, 628 S. 52d St. .	62.50
"	31.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 2415 S. Marshall St.	24.50
June	10.	To int. Geo. R. Camp, 513 S. 45th St. . . .	100.00
July	18.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 5618 Walton Ave.	29.40
"	20.	To int. Henry W. Baxter, 5212 Walton Ave.	55.00
"	20.	To int. Commercial Trust Co., on deposit .	5.47
Aug.	22.	To int. Mrs. Celia Iagnatov, 1101 N. 42d St.	75.00
Oct.	11.	To int. Mrs. L. Hyland, 5561 Pearl St., on account	27.50
"	31.	To int. Mrs. L. Hyland, 5561 Pearl St., balance	20.00
			\$816.60

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WEAVER,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM H. GALBRAITH,
GEORGE J. SCHAEFER,
WILLIAM W. SMITH,
Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

CHARLES JACKSON McCLARY MEMORIAL FUNDS.

The Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds present their Annual Report for the year ending November 15, 1916, as follows:

**INCOME ACCOUNT MEMORIAL FUND TO GRAND LODGE
FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.**

INTEREST RECEIVED.

City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan,
\$30,000. One year \$1,050.00

INVESTED INCOME BELONGING TO GRAND
LODGE.

City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent.
Loan, \$7,100. One year . . . \$248.50

City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent.
Loan, from July 1, 1916, to date
of sale, October 20, 1916 . . . 77.31 325.81

Total \$1,375.81

This amount has been paid to the Grand Secretary and his receipt taken therefor.

**MEMORIAL FUND TO MASONIC HOME OF
PENNSYLVANIA.**

3333 NORTH BROAD STREET.

INTEREST RECEIVED.

City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan, \$20,000. One
year \$700.00

This amount has been paid to the Secretary of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania and his receipt taken therefor.

**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT MEMORIAL FUND TO GRAND
LODGE FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.**

Is invested as follows:

City of Phila. 3½ per cent. Loan Cert. No. 3, payable
July 1, 1934. Cost, \$30,712.50 ^{Par.} \$30,000.00

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.
MEMORIAL FUND TO MASONIC HOME OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

3333 NORTH BROAD STREET.

Is invested as follows:

City of Phila. 3½ per cent. Loan Cert. No. 2, payable
July 1, 1934. Cost, \$20,475 \$20,000.00

INVESTED INCOME BELONGING TO GRAND LODGE.

Consisting of City of Phila. 3½ per cent. Loan
amounting to. Cost, \$6,992.20 7,100.00

Has been sold by order of Grand Lodge and the proceeds,
\$6,749.25, has been paid to the Grand Secretary and his receipt
taken therefor.

The securities are deposited in the vault of the Girard Trust
Company.

Fraternally submitted,

BENJAMIN EISEMAN,
EDWIN S. STUART,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, 3D,
CHARLES H. EDMUNDS,
ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.,

Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

MAXWELL SOMMERVILLE BEQUESTS.

The Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Be-
quests made the following report, which was or-
dered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests respect-
fully report for the fiscal year ending on November 15, 1916,
A.L. 5916, as follows:

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(1) BEQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF OBJECTS AND
WORKS OF ART.

AS AT NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand, November 16, 1915	\$10,000.00	\$2,527.62
Income from Investments		450.00
Interest on Deposits		80.72
Totals	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,058.34</u>

EXPENDITURES.

None.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand, November 15, 1916	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,058.34</u>

The principal of the above Bequest is invested as follows:

Bond and mortgage, James C. Higgins and wife on premises No. 225 N. 20th Street and 4408 Locust Street; 4½ per cent.	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
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(2) BANQUET BEQUEST.

AS AT NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand, November 16, 1915	\$5,000.00	\$709.19
Income from Investments		220.00
Interest on Deposits		20.62
Totals	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$949.81</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of annual banquet, in accordance with terms of Bequest, including printing, postage souvenirs, etc.		\$479.78
Balance on hand, November 15, 1916	\$5,000.00	470.03
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$949.81</u>

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The principal of the above Bequest is invested as follows:

Bond and mortgage, Adam A. Catanach, on premises No. 3103 Germantown Ave., 4½ per cent.	\$1,600.00
Bond and mortgage, George S. Holland and wife, on premises Nos. 3438 and 3440 N. Water Street, 4½ per cent.	1,600.00
Bond and mortgage, Jessie Catanach, on premises No. 3466 N. Water Street, 4½ per cent.	800.00
Bond Masonic Home Loan, 4 per cent.	1,000.00
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	\$5,000.00
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Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS C. STELLWAGEN,
ROBERT GRAHAM,
PETER M. MACLAREN,
HENRY N. WESSEL,
FRANCIS L. BORIE,

Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

HENRY KRUG BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Henry Krug Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Trustees of the Henry Krug Bequest respectfully report for the fiscal year ending November 15, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916:

RECEIPTS.

Amount of securities and cash received by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania, from the Executors of Henry Krug, deceased, as appears in report dated November 15, 1915, as follows:

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On Account of Principal	\$110,773.40
On Account of Income	27,339.21
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	\$138,112.61

composed of the securities detailed in Abstract of Proceedings during the year 1915, and appraised by the Appraisers of the Henry Krug Estate, as above.

PAYMENTS.

<i>Deduct</i> —various payments to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, during the year 1916, on account of Income	27,339.21
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<i>Principal, as above</i>	\$110,773.40
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Gains realized from the sale of securities—1916	\$25,336.41
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The Trustees, after due diligence, find that certain securities noted on the following page will not realize the amount of the appraisement made by the Executors by about \$7,700 and they therefore deduct from gains realized from sales of securities	7,696.97	17,639.44
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<i>Total Principal</i>	\$128,412.84
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Dividends, etc., from Investments	\$8,312.90
Interest on Deposits	877.28
Amounts realized from the sale of Securities, awarded by Orphans' Court in payment of Income	24,333.70

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PAYMENTS.

Cash paid Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the year 1916	\$33,523.88
	<u>\$33,523.88</u>
	<u>\$33,523.88</u>

ORIGINAL SECURITIES.

Former
Appraisement.

\$3,437.50	27½ shares St. Clair Savings & Trust Company of Knoxville, Pa., @ \$50.00	\$1,375.00
7,120.00	44½ shares Hazelwood Savings & Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., @ \$100.00	4,450.00
	12½ shares Bankers Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., @ \$87.00	1,087.50
4,730.00	43 shares of Federal Savings & Trust Company of Morgantown, W. Va., @ \$100.00	4,300.00
	10 shares Citizens National Bank of Warren, Pa., @ \$150.00	1,500.00
4,550.00	50 shares Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., Common @ \$88.00	4,400.00
	50 shares 2nd Preferred stock Reading Company @ \$44.00	2,203.62
	Bond No. 6,332 Ohio Fuel Supply Co. (Debenture)	3,316.25
1,869.47	2 Bonds, American Pipe Mfg. Company (\$2,000.00)	1,740.00
3,000.00	Certificate of Deposit No. 3,460, signed by the Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for \$5,000.00 in bonds of Sacramento Valley Irrigation Com- pany	750.00
5.00	Loss on sale of South Pittsburgh Water Company securities	

\$24,711.97

17,015.00—*Present Appraisement.*

\$7,696.97—Excess of executors' appraisement over
market value.

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SECURITIES PURCHASED DURING 1916.

\$25,000.00 Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. 4½'s @ \$100.00	\$25,000.00
\$10,000.00 Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula 4's @ \$98.50	9,850.00
\$10,000.00 Baltimore & Ohio Equipment 4½'s @ \$101.451 (less \$12.50 brokerage)	10,132.60
\$10,000.00 Beech Creek R. R. Company 4's @ \$96.00	9,600.00
\$10,000.00 City of Philadelphia 4's @ \$101.50	10,150.00
\$10,000.00 Pennsylvania R. R. Consolidated Mort- gage 4's @ \$98.75	9,875.00
<i>Total Securities</i>	<u>\$99,729.97</u>

1916.

Nov. 15. Cash in Philadelphia Trust Company @ 3½ per cent.	28,682.87
	<u>\$128,412.84</u>

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,
JOSEPH H. HINKSON,
CHARLES LEHR,
HENRY S. BORNEMAN,
T. DARLINGTON BUCKWALTER,
Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

The following report of the Emergency Relief Fund was read, and ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The following is the report of the Emergency Relief Fund for the year ending November 15, 1916:

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 15, 1915	\$13,179.54*	

RECEIPTS.

1915.		
Oct. 14.	Interest on deposits . . .	\$12.92
1916.		
Jan. 3.	Income Masonic Home Loan	240.00
June 1.	Income Masonic Home Loan	166.67
July 1.	Income Masonic Home Loan	40.00
Sept. 16.	Interest on deposits . . .	25.98
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		\$485.57

Income transferred to Principal Account . . . 485.57

Total . . . \$13,665.11

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred from Income to Principal Account . . . 485.57

\$13,665.11

The investments consist of the following:

Loan to Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	. . .	\$10,000.00
Masonic Homes Loan Certificates, \$500 each, Nos.		
138, 139, 140 and 141	. . .	2,000.00
Cash on deposit, Philadelphia Trust Company	. .	1,665.11
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		\$13,665.11

* In the item of principal \$13,179.54, there is included investment in Masonic Homes Loan, as shown by report of this Fund as of November 15, 1915, amounting to \$10,000, certificates to this amount having been retired, and the said sum loaned to Grand Lodge, as will appear by the schedule of investments made part of this report.

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In addition to the above there is a claim for balance on deposit in the Tradesmen's Trust Company of \$219.63.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS A. WATRES,
Grand Master,

JAMES B. KRAUSE,
Deputy Grand Master,

JOHN S. SELL,
Senior Grand Warden,

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,
Junior Grand Warden.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund submit the following Report for the year ending November 15, 1916:

Balance on hand November 16, 1915	\$1,731.33
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RECEIPTS.

Received from the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer	\$123,386.04	
Interests on deposits at Fourth Street National Bank	933.57	124,319.61
Total		<u>\$126,050.94</u>

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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Redemption of Masonic Home			
Loan Certificates	.	.	\$122,950.00 \$122,950.00
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Balance, November 15, 1916	.	.	3,100.94
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Total	.	.	\$126,050.94
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The above balance is on deposit at the Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia, in the name of The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. WALTON,
HENRY M. DECHERT,
R. MORGAN ROOT,
J. SOMERS SMITH,
DAVID F. COLLINGWOOD.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Appeals has carefully considered the Appeal of Brother Z. E. L. from the action of Lodge No. —, in approving the action of the Trial Committee which found Brother E. F. G. H. not guilty of the charges made against him.

There were two charges.

The specifications were that H., a lawyer, had asked L. to make three loans to different parties, one of \$600 on a judgment, one of \$1,000 on a mortgage, and one of \$600 on a note, and the loans were made.

That the accused represented to L. in each case that the security was good.

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That these representations were false; and that subsequently L., the accuser, lost his money.

L. claimed that he had been deceived by H., and that the latter had acted fraudulently in the matter.

The accused admitted making the loans, but said it was done at the request of L., and claimed that at the time the loans were made that he believed the security to be good, and that it was good.

A large amount of testimony was taken on both sides, principally on the question of values of property on which the loans were made.

If the testimony of the accuser is to be believed the loans were not properly secured, and it may be that the testimony of the accused himself shows that the loans were unwisely placed.

It was argued on behalf of the accused that he had acted in good faith, and that even if he was pecuniarily responsible for the loss, which he denied, and for which suit had been brought in the County Court, that the subject matter was only a business transaction, and the differences concerning it could not be tried in a Masonic Lodge.

Your Committee find no evidence of fraud.

It was contended, also, by the Appellant that the Committee arbitrarily refused to adjourn the trial as requested by him in order to enable him to produce additional testimony. But it was admitted by Counsel at the argument before us that this testimony would simply have been cumulative on the question of values of the property which secured the loans. The refusal to adjourn, therefore, was within the discretion of the Committee.

The Trial Committee unanimously found the accused not guilty on each specification, and not guilty on each charge.

A careful reading of the testimony and the consideration of the arguments of Appellant's counsel have not convinced your Committee that any error was committed by the Lodge, or by the Trial Committee in its rulings.

The case cannot be distinguished from many others heretofore decided by Grand Lodge in which it has been uniformly held that differences concerning business transactions cannot be tried in a Lodge, unless the evidence proves a Masonic offence *per se*,

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and your Committee are of the opinion that this case is not an exception to the rule.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother Z. E. L. from the action of Lodge No. — be dismissed.

GEORGE C. BURGWIN,
CASPER DULL,
MURDOCH KENDRICK,
HENRY J. SCOTT,
WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER.
Committee on Appeals.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1916.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, when, on separate motions, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has, with the assistance of the United States Audit Company, examined the accounts and securities of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, including the Thomas Singleton Bequest; Trustees of the Girard Bequest; Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund; Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest; Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds; Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests; Trustees of the Henry Krug Bequest; The Emergency Relief Fund; the accounts and vouchers of the Committee on Temple and the Committee on Library; the accounts and vouchers of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.; the Commissioners of Sinking Fund; the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Secretary, and have found same correct.

The books of the Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1916, show as follows:

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RECEIPTS.

Rent	\$68,207.00
Initiations	14,802.00
Dues	120,874.67
Dispensations	27,375.00
Masonic Homes Redemption	120,898.71
Masonic Homes Endowment Fund	100.00
Masonic Homes Donations	382.70
Mileage	408.95
Masonic Homes Maintenance	9,913.46
Interest—Dues and Rents overdue	239.27
Interest—Deposits	916.46
Allegheny County Memorial	40,042.76
Ahiman Rezons	901.00
Grand Lodge Certificates	566.00
Income, Stephen Taylor Bequest, Maintenance Ma- sonic Homes	900.00
Library Cumulative Fund	440.52
Masonic Homes Grand Lodge (Capital Account)	3,295.26
Estate William Willson, Deceased	4,000.00
Warrants	1,000.00
Gas Range Rent	1,001.00
Committee on Temple	534.00
John H. Daman Memorial	14,051.05
Paul L. Levis Memorial	7,603.80
Charles Jackson McClary Fund No. 2	8,125.06
Henry Krug Bequest Income	7,042.85
Henry Krug Bequest Trustees—Income Securities	26,481.03
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital	15,720.35
Expense Grand Lodge (Sale Proceedings)	251.50
Loan—Emergency Relief Fund	10,000.00
Loan—Third National Bank	50,000.00
Loan—Fourth Street National Bank	5,000.00
	<u>\$561,074.40</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$16,550.03
Expense Grand Lodge	6,392.36
Expense Officers and D. D. Grand Masters	5,017.39

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Committee on Temple	\$79,500.00
Committee on Library	8,000.00
Committee on Masonic Homes	2,006.25
Masonic Homes Grand Lodge (Capital Account)	59,541.79
Masonic Homes Maintenance	114,314.25
Grand Lodge Certificates	431.25
Interest, Loans	20,750.20
Expense Grand Master	4,000.00
Extra Expense Grand Master's Office	1,000.00
Commissioner Sinking Fund	123,386.04
Employment Bureau	150.00
Taxes on Temple	27,000.00
Mileage	4,500.00
John Henry Daman Memorial Building	13.80
Paul L. Levis Annuity	1,400.00
Paul L. Levis Memorial Building	29,127.95
Henry Krug Bequest—Income	37.07
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial	50,663.17
Securities John H. Daman Estate	5.23
Allegheny County Memorial	14,519.30
Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund	3,500.00
Ahiman Rezons	1,420.91
Paintings Past Grand Masters	2,000.00
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	\$575,226.99
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SUMMARY.

Balance, November 15, 1915	\$53,117.01
Receipts	561,074.40
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	\$614,191.41
Expenditures	575,226.99
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Balance, November 15, 1916	\$38,964.42
Less special funds not available for general uses of Grand Lodge:	
Paul L. Levis Memorial	\$1,341.26
Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial	2,040.93
Allegheny County Memorial	27,023.46
William Willson Bequest	4,000.00

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Elizabethtown Masonic Homes Endow-	
ment Fund	\$600.00
Mary Huston	100.00
John P. S. Gobin Bequest	468.69
Balance Deposited Tradesmen's Trust	
Company	783.73
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	\$36,358.07
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Actual cash balance for uses of Grand	
Lodge	\$2,606.35
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Your Committee also respectfully submits the following budget of Estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the Masonic year beginning on St. John's Day next. This budget is based on figures furnished by the Grand Secretary, Committee on Temple, Committee on Library, Committee on Masonic Homes and this Committee.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Rents	\$68,000.00
Initiations	14,000.00
Dues (including \$125,000 for Commissioners of Sinking Fund for Redemption of Masonic Homes Loan)	250,000.00
Dispensations	25,000.00
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund—Income	1,050.00
Estate Henry Krug—Income	6,200.00
Stephen Taylor Bequest—Income	750.00
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Total estimated receipts	\$365,000.00
To which add cash on hand November 15, 1916	2,606.35
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Making a total of	\$367,606.35
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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Expenses Grand Master	\$5,000.00
Mileage to Representatives in the Grand Lodge	5,000.00
Expenses Grand Lodge	8,000.00
Expenses Officers and D. D. Grand Masters	5,000.00

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Salaries: Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Clerks to Grand Secretary, Contingencies Grand Secretary's Office, Grand Tyler and Instructor in Masonic Work, Secretary of Grand Master .	\$17,750.00
Taxes 1917, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia .	31,500.00

Committee on Temple:

Salaries	\$21,000.00
Laundry	150.00
Window Cleaning	360.00
Hauling Ashes	350.00
Electric Lighting	8,000.00
Coal	2,500.00
Ice	300.00
Telephones	500.00
Furniture and repairs	2,000.00
Machinery and repairs	1,000.00
Building repairs	2,500.00
Electrical work	1,500.00
Insurance	3,400.00
Water rent	400.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00
Petty cash	150.00
Balance special heating and venti- lating system	500.00

46,110.00

Committee on Library:

Salaries	\$7,030.00
Reprints and Publications	2,500.00
Periodicals	75.00
Binding Periodicals	100.00
Bindings	300.00
New Books	250.00
Museum	1,000.00
Cataloguing	50.00
Stationery and Printing	100.00
Telephone	100.00
Express	50.00
Postage	100.00

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Petty cash	\$100.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
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Committee on Masonic Homes:		
Maintenance	\$127,000.00	
Capital	23,000.00	
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Committee on Correspondence		500.00
Expenses of Committee on Masonic Homes		2,000.00
Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund		3,500.00
Transient Relief		100.00
Notes payable		65,000.00
Interest account:		
On Masonic Homes Loan, at 4 per cent.		12,000.00
Commissioners of Sinking Fund for Redemption of		
Masonic Homes Loan		125,000.00
Lancaster County Memorial		15,430.00
Paul L. Levis Annuity		1,400.00
Employment Bureau		2,000.00
Portrait Painting in Oil, Right Worshipful Past		
Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS		1,000.00
Total Estimated Expenditures		\$508,095.00
Total Estimated Receipts		367,606.35
Deficit		<hr/> <hr/> \$140,488.65

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for the several appropriations for the year 1917, as are hereinabove specified.

The Grand Secretary has furnished the Committee with a balance sheet of Grand Lodge, as of November 15, 1916, and also one after the closing entries of the year have been made. This latter is appended hereto, and made part of this report.

Balance sheet, November 15, 1916, after closing entries for the fiscal year ending this day have been made:

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DEBITS.

Cash	\$38,964.42	
Accounts Receivable, Sundry Lodges and other bodies	5,987.57	
Sinking Fund	1,747.28	
Real Estate	1,700,000.00	
Masonic Homes Grand Lodge	1,195,561.70	
	<hr/>	\$2,942,260.97
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund No. 1	\$20,475.00	
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund No. 2	30,712.50	
Emergency Relief Fund	13,179.54	
Girard Bequest	89,654.80	
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	122,084.86	
Maxwell Sommerville Bequest, Art Fund	12,527.62	
Maxwell Sommerville Bequest, Ban- quet Fund	5,709.19	
Stephen Taylor Bequest	15,800.00	
Thomas Singleton Bequest	28,335.11	
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	122,724.86	
Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic In- stitution for Boys	1,024,478.40	
Henry Krug Bequest, Trustees Prin- cipal	110,773.40	
Mortgage Account	5,000.00	
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		\$4,543,716.25

CREDITS.

Accounts payable, Sundry Lodges	\$359.34	
Emergency Relief Fund, Special Loan	10,000.00	
Third National Bank Loan	50,000.00	
Fourth Street National Bank Loan	5,000.00	
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Estate of John P. S. Gobin, deceased	\$468.69
Elizabethtown Masonic Homes, Endowment Fund	600.00
Lancaster County Freemasons' Memorial	15,430.00
Anna M. Somerville Donation (mortgage)	5,000.00
Mary Huston	100.00
Allegheny County Memorial	27,023.46
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital	2,040.93
Paul L. Levis Memorial Building	1,341.26
Estate of William Willson, deceased	4,000.00
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	\$56,004.34
Trust Funds	1,596,455.28
Masonic Homes Loan	383,550.00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	2,442,347.29
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	\$4,543,716.25
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WHEREAS, The receipts of Grand Lodge are not adequate to meet its expenditures, and it is imperative that some financial plan be provided which will produce sufficient funds to meet the increased demands of Grand Lodge, brought about through the increase in cost of administration, taxes assessed against the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia and the upkeep and maintenance of Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

AND WHEREAS, It is desirable that no additional assessment or charge shall be placed upon the present members of the Fraternity, your Committee therefore recommends the following resolution, and moves its adoption:

Resolved, That on and after December 27, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, each petitioner for initiation and membership at the time of initiation, and each petitioner for membership from a Lodge in another Jurisdiction, either at the time of election or at the Constitution of a new Lodge, shall pay to the Lodge, in addition to the fee required by the By-Laws of the Lodge, the sum of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars for the maintenance and preservation

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and perpetuity of the Masonic Homes of Grand Lodge at Elizabethtown.

Such sums received by the Lodges shall be paid on the 27th day of each month to the Grand Secretary to be set apart from the general revenues of Grand Lodge for Masonic Homes purposes only.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge authorize the trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds to sell City of Philadelphia Bonds, amounting to Seventy-One Hundred (\$7,100.00) Dollars, and execute the necessary papers relating to the transfer of the said Bonds.

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow on temporary loans, sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of Grand Lodge, not exceeding One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars.

Fraternally submitted,

CLEMENT B. NEWBOLD,
CHARLES E. ROBERTS,
OTTO R. HEILIGMAN,
J. WILLISON SMITH,
JOHN L. THOMSON,
Committee on Finance.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

Your Committee respectfully reports that the Committee on Temple have this day approved plans and specifications for installing an electric light plant in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at an expense of \$14,500, and have requested the Committee on Finance to add the cost of same to the budget previously submitted by the Committee on Temple, amounting to \$46,110, making the total estimated expenses of the Committee on Temple \$60,610, and this item of \$14,500 added to the budget submitted

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by this Committee will amend the report of the Committee on Finance so as to read, "Total estimated expenditures \$522,595. Total estimated receipts \$367,606.35. Estimated deficit, \$154,988.65."

Your Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for the several appropriations for the year 1917 and as are hereinbefore specified.

CLEMENT B. NEWBOLD,
CHARLES E. ROBERTS,
OTTO R. HEILIGMAN,
J. WILLISON SMITH,
JOHN L. THOMSON,
Committee on Finance.

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COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 218, 272, 605, 607, 682 and 684 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 21 be returned to said Lodge with directions to adopt a code of By-Laws in conformity with the Form of By-Laws approved by the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 268 be approved with the exception of Article VII, Section 3, and Article IX, Section 3, and that they be not approved.

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Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 685 be approved with the exception of Article VI, Section 1, and Article VII, Sections 1, 2 and 3, which are not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 686 be approved with the exception of Article IV, Section 4, and that it be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 134, 143, 194, 266, 281, 287, 380, 384, 395, 465, 499, 506, 591, 602, 606, 622, 626, 645 and 671 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 263 be returned to said Lodge with directions to amend same so as to provide a fee for the admission and advancement of a Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Mason.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 328, Article III, Section 4, and Article V, Section 1, be approved, and that Article VII, Section 1, be not approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 544, Article VI, Section 1, be approved and that Article VI, Sections 3 and 4, be not approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 652, Article VI, Section 1, be approved and that Article VII, Sections 1, 2 and 5, be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

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COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
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BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Temple begs leave to make the following
report of its expenditures for the year ending November 15, 1916:

Item.	
1. Salaries and Wages	\$18,310.61
2. Window Cleaning	324.00
3. Laundry	110.52
4. Hauling Ashes	316.83
5. Electric Lighting	7,578.06
6. Coal	1,990.25
7. Ice	293.55
8. Telephone	377.51
9. Furniture and Repairs	1,697.82
10. Machinery and Repairs	951.53
11. Building Repairs	453.64
12. Electrical Work	666.20
13. Insurance	12,693.30
14. Water Rent	320.00
15. Miscellaneous	1,382.42
16. Petty Cash	90.00
17. Ventilation System and Power Plant	31,568.93
Total	<u>\$79,125.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MCCURDY,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
JOSEPH E. QUINBY,
JOHN D. CASSELL,
J. LEE PATTON,
Committee on Temple.

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COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOMES.

The Committee on Masonic Homes made the fol-
lowing report, which was ordered to be entered and
filed:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN :

In obedience to the requirement of Grand Lodge and the fulfilment of a pleasant duty, the Committee on Masonic Homes, entrusted with the development, management and control of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, submits the following report of its stewardship for the year ending November 15, 1916.

Special pains have been taken by the Committee, with the aid of the departmental heads in charge of the work at the Masonic Homes, in its report, to submit for your information a full and comprehensive record of the operations of the Homes, the substantial improvements, and its needs and requirements for the ensuing year.

The Committee deems it fitting at this time to express its heartfelt thanks for the many words of appreciation and approval of what Grand Lodge has accomplished at the Homes, and for the hearty promises of co-operation, and the "lending of a hand" upon the part of the thousands who have visited the Homes during the past year. Grand Lodge, therefore, has much for which to be thankful, and much on which to base bright hopes for the future of the Homes. Never before has there been a more genuine unity and a larger vision than at the close of this Masonic year. We are learning to know one another better, and to more fully understand the high and holy mission of our great Brotherhood.

VISITATIONS.

During the year, there were 25,125 visitors registered, an increase of 6,215 over last year. They came as individuals, in groups, by Lodges and communities. There were visitors from England, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand, Canada, Panama Canal Zone, Philippine Islands, and from many of

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the states, thus showing a widespread and ever-increasing interest in the Homes.

These visits were most helpful and stimulating, and evince a deeper consecration to this great sacrificial service of the Brethren of Pennsylvania.

For further details of the visitations, see Addendum, Schedule A.

OUR GUESTS.

Number of guests on roll November 15, 1915	245
Received from November 15, 1915, to November 15, 1916	76

Total 321

During the year there passed away	17
During the year there were withdrawn	19
	36

Leaving total number of guests on roll November 15, 1916	285
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Of this number there are:

Married couples, 29	58
Unaccompanied men	97

Unaccompanied women:

Widows of Master Masons	54
Mothers of Master Masons	4
Adult sisters of Master Masons	12
Adult daughters of Master Masons	22
Wife of a Master Mason	1
	93

Boys	21
Girls	16

Total 285

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Housed as follows:

Grand Lodge Hall	134
John Henry Daman Memorial	46
Paul L. Levis Memorial	31
Berks Home	33
Home for Boys	23
Home for Girls	18
Total	<u>285</u>

The average age of adults is seventy years.

There are 153 Lodges and 47 Counties represented by guests in these Homes.

A number of the guests restored to health, contentment, and hope in the to-morrow, withdrew to earn their own livings during these prosperous times.

The community life is ideal, and harmony reigns. The spirit of fraternity, helpfulness, gratitude, forbearance and consideration, one for another, is plainly apparent to all upon entering the sacred portals of the Homes, and mingling with those whose surroundings you have made so princely by your generous beneficence.

In Addendum, Schedule B shows Lodges and Counties represented.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

During the formative period of the Homes, as now, the aged and dependent were, primarily, the subjects of our paternal solicitude and care, and as the work progressed, it became clearly apparent, as a plain and unavoidable duty, that provision be made for the maintenance, care and education of the minor children of our Brethren, who were left dependent and without the beneficent influences of home.

This urgent duty was promptly met by the rearrangement of two of the farm buildings on the Home property, one being designated as "The Home for Boys," and the other as "The Home for Girls." These homes are conveniently

located on the grounds of the Masonic Homes, about one mile apart. Each home is fully equipped for the comfort, amusement, development and welfare of "God's little sunbeams" entrusted to our fraternal care. Each home is in charge of a competent house-mother, who, with the aid of the efficient management of the Homes, faithfully and affectionately oversees and directs all things pertaining to the health, morals, education and religious training of our wards.

Our present family is composed of twenty-one boys and sixteen girls, who, by agreement, are attending the public schools of Elizabethtown. Two have been graduated from the High School, and are now receiving special instruction at the Elizabethtown College in that place. Those not eligible to attend the public schools are receiving primary instruction from the house-mothers and interested guests.

The children actively participate in all the social functions and regular religious services in Grand Lodge Hall.

When not in school, especially during the summer months, our wards voluntarily engage in outdoor work, in the gardens, orchards, nurseries, fields, shops, barns, etc., and, under competent management and instructors, are taught in agriculture, horticulture, gardening, fruit culture, etc., and in the country life of the open fields and woods. Our aim is to develop rugged physical health, with the highest grade of moral and mental conscience, so that they may be thoroughly fitted for citizenship in the world's work. Our boys are actively identified in the Boy Scout movement.

"They are the idols of hearts and of households;
They are angels of God in disguise;
His sunlight still sleeps in their tresses;
His glory still gleams in their eyes;
These truants from home and from heaven,
They made me more manly and mild;
And I know now how One could liken,
The kingdom of God to a child."

Visit the children, and "Sun ye in the light of their happy faces," and your own life will be attuned in tenderness and

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love, and in harmony with Freemasonry's most "laudable undertaking."

RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL LIFE.

The religious and social life of the community has been in no way neglected, as is shown by the Addendum, Schedules C and D, and is given in detail in order that the Fraternity generally may know the scope and character of the activities at the Homes for the welfare of our guests.

LIBRARY.

The Library now contains 4,957 volumes, contributed to the Homes, 828 of which were contributed during the year.

Branch Libraries were established at the Home for Boys and at the Home for Girls.

The Library receives a large number of newspapers and magazines. The "Home" newspapers have special interest to those who want the news from home.

The Library is well patronized, and is an important adjunct of the Homes. The generous gifts to it are much appreciated.

PAUL L. LEVIS MEMORIAL.

This Memorial Building was formally opened for the reception of guests on August 24, 1916. Brother PAUL L. LEVIS, the donor, was present, and spoke as follows:

"I am very grateful to my Heavenly Father for having spared my life to see the completion of this building. I am very happy that I have given the savings of my lifetime for the construction of this beautiful and substantial building, and that I have rendered a material service to the Masonic Fraternity, and to those members of it who are less fortunate than I am."

BERKS HOME.

The ceremonies attending the opening of the Berks Home by the Brethren of Berks County were held on July 26, 1916. Appropriate addresses were made by Brother

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LOUIS A. WATRES, R. W. Grand Master, Brother HARRY D. SCHAEFFER, Judge of the Orphans' Court of Berks County, and Brother JENKIN HILL, District Deputy Grand Master.

THE PHILADELPHIA FREEMASONS MEMORIAL.

More than passing mention is here made to this much-needed addition to the community life of the Homes. The Hospital is located on an eminence overlooking the lands of the Homes and the surrounding country, with plenty of sunlight and pure air. The building is of Gothic architecture, built of granite, floors laid in cement, and the interior finished in pure white china gloss. In all its appointments, including operating rooms, isolation wards, diet kitchen, dispensary, ophthalmological room, and large solariums with southern exposure, it is the last word in modern hospital structure and equipment.

Built, equipped and furnished by the generous and noble-hearted Brethren of the Philadelphia Lodges, as a memorial to themselves.

The corner-stone was laid by Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, then Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, on September 29, A.D. 1915, and on October 14, A.D. 1916, the hospital, in its completed form, and ready for occupancy, was formally presented to the Grand Lodge, free of debt, by Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Building Committee, in the presence of a large assemblage of the Brethren, in the following appropriate language:

"To-day marks the culmination of the efforts of the members of the committee who have unselfishly devoted their best endeavors to the erection of another monument upon the property of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"With hearts to feel, heads to plan and hands to execute, they have by their united labors been able to raise upwards of \$60,000. The success which crowned their efforts was made possible by the support which has been voluntarily given to

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them by the members of the Lodges meeting in the City of Philadelphia. It is a proper gift of these men to the needs of the Fraternity.

“ The project includes the erection of three buildings, the first unit of which is now completed and ready for occupancy. The committee having the matter in charge, and for whom I have the honor to speak, do not intend to rest from their labors. They expect, with the aid of the members in Philadelphia, to raise additional funds which will enable them to construct and erect the additional units, furnish them, and, at a later date, present them to you for occupancy.

“ Monuments erected in granite, in marble or in brass, are visible and remain during the life of the material from which they are built, but we have sought to erect here, not only a monument in stone, which will last long after we have passed to the great beyond, but by our endeavors in finding the necessary funds we have sought to engrave upon the hearts of all who may be helped in the carrying out of the work, and those countless generations yet to be born, the thought that he who unselfishly works for another engraves his work not only upon time, but also upon eternity.

“ This building, finished and furnished, I now have the honor of presenting to you as Grand Master of Masons in, and as the official head of, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and ask its acceptance absolutely free from debt and without any conditions, save that it may be devoted to the uses of our members, their widows and orphans; that they may be cared for when most they need care, and with the earnest wish that the heart of each may be gladdened with the thought that ‘ *those who enter here may find hope within.* ’ ”

The response of Right Worshipful Grand Master Louis A. WATRES, in accepting the gift for the Homes Committee, was as follows:

“ Looking out over the field of human activity, we see two forces constantly striving for the mastery; one aims to destroy; the other seeks to save.

“ At this moment the legions of destruction are unhappily potent in a vast area of the civilized world, blotting out human life and laying waste the historic monuments of centuries, the sculptured glory of the ages. While we deplore this carnival of death and devastation which is sweeping over Europe, and would gladly restore peace, were we possessed of the power, for the sake of our common humanity, we have profound cause for thankfulness that our homes, our inheritance and our opportunities are in this hemisphere in the eventful year 1916, in a land upon which the peaceful side of the sun is shining, where the hearts of men are swayed by kindness and not by cruelty—by love, and not by hatred.

“ This is an opportune time to express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings we enjoy and for the impulses toward fraternal helpfulness with which He has endowed us.

“ Contemplating this memorial of Masonic devotion to the cause that is dear to us, and realizing what such a splendid structure means for the members of our fraternal family whose infirmities have made them sacred, we cannot but feel an overwhelming sense of obligation to the Brethren who have so nobly conceived and so generously put into practice a thought which is worthy of the sublimest effort of mankind.

“ This Memorial Hospital, so perfect in its construction and equipment, and the munificent gift of the Master Masons of Philadelphia, is a wonderful addition to the cluster of buildings erected at Elizabethtown for the care and comfort of those who have become the objects of our deep solicitude.

“ The value of such a building is not expressed in mere money or ornate externals, but in the imperishable love of its donors in their providing for those whom in their declining years we are privileged to entertain as our cherished guests.

“ For all who would read the lesson of life correctly, there is no nobler privilege than to serve, for service is a royal privilege worthy of the best impulses of men and kings. Here it will be observed in its fullest meaning, in kindly ministrations

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and sympathetic attention to those who need help and healing. Until the happy day of Perfection shall have dawned, when every man and woman in the world shall be strong and self-reliant, life will be made sweeter and holier by the spirit of human helpfulness and of service. Of all the opportunities that come to men along life's journey, the greatest is the opportunity to do good to others. It is 'the immediate jewel of their souls.' It sanctifies existence.

"If, as Emerson says, 'we put our life into every act,' the Memorial Hospital that stands here rises like a living creation of monumental love to keep green the memory of the givers. It will add new lustre to the generous spirit of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction of our peerless Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"Therefore, it is, that in behalf of, and in the name of, the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, I accept at the hands of the Master Masons of Philadelphia, through their distinguished spokesman, this beautiful, this noble, this lasting memorial of their love for the Brethren."

ALLEGHENY COUNTY FREEMASONS MEMORIAL.

The Brethren holding membership in the several Lodges meeting in the County of Allegheny have contributed upwards of thirty thousand dollars, and expect to contribute at least seventy thousand more to erect three cottages on the property of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Elizabethtown, as a memorial to the Master Masons of said County.

The corner-stone thereof was laid by Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, Right Worshipful Grand Master, with appropriate Masonic ceremonies and in accordance with Ancient Masonic Usages of the Craft, at high twelve, on September 4, 1916.

A large number of the Brethren of Allegheny County

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and other localities were present and participated in the ceremonies.

The Reception Committee was composed of the following Brethren of the Allegheny County Lodges, who are, also, among those who are largely responsible for the cottages now in course of building:

WILLIAM M. HAMILTON.	D. D. Grand Master 28th District
CLARENCE A. FERGUSON.	D. D. Grand Master 32nd District
WILLIAM A. JORDAN.	D. D. Grand Master 38th District
WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR.	D. D. Grand Master 43rd District
WILLIAM D. MCILROY.	D. D. Grand Master 47th District
J. HARVEY HARRISON.	D. D. Grand Master 48th District
JOHN A. CAUGHEY.	D. D. Grand Master 49th District
BENJAMIN PAGE.	D. D. Grand Master 51st District
ALBERT C. ROHLAND.	D. D. Grand Master 52nd District
SION B. SMITH.	D. D. Grand Master 53rd District
FREDERICK C. ROMMEL.	Past Master Lodge No. 45
JAMES B. YOUNGSON.	Past Master Lodge No. 219
ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.	Past Master Lodge No. 221
JOHN A. TANNEHILL.	Past Master Lodge No. 223
HERMANN F. RUOFF.	Past Master Lodge No. 231
HORACE W. CROMER.	Past Master Lodge No. 253
HERMAN L. REINECKE.	Past Master Lodge No. 269
LOUIS F. WENTZ.	Past Master Lodge No. 287
BERNHARD MUNK.	Past Master Lodge No. 288
THOMAS D. MCCLOSKEY.	Past Master Lodge No. 318
WILLIAM J. DIEHL.	Past Master Lodge No. 321
ARTHUR H. BIGELOW.	Past Master Lodge No. 374
JAMES F. KEMP.	Past Master Lodge No. 375
JOSEPH E. LEWIS.	Past Master Lodge No. 390
FRANK W. FAAS.	Past Master Lodge No. 448
WILLIAM S. SIMPKISS.	Past Master Lodge No. 484
D. WILLIAM MCCLAIN.	Past Master Lodge No. 502
WILLIAM B. TIPTON.	Past Master Lodge No. 508

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AUGUST F. ISCHINGER.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 509
CHARLES E. DINKEY	Past Master	Lodge No. 510
AUGUST DAUB.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 513
JOSEPH G. MORRIS.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 525
EDWARD Y. ORD.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 526
GEORGE W. MCPHERSON.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 530
ISAAC E. ISAACS.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 535
FRANK M. SWEITZER.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 544
JOHN J. ANDERSON.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 546
CARL H. FREY	Past Master	Lodge No. 548
CLARENCE H. HAMILTON	Past Master	Lodge No. 573
DAVID F. COLLINGWOOD.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 576
AZOR R. HUNT.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 582
GEORGE B. HERWICK.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 583
JOHN M. LINDSAY.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 590
FRANK C. IAMS	Past Master	Lodge No. 608
SAMUEL W. PROSSER.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 612
ELLIOTT D. KENYON.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 613
WALTER P. RAINBOW.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 630
MAURICE W. ASDALE.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 634
HENDERSON E. MCKELVEY...	Past Master	Lodge No. 635
EDMUND W. BOOTS.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 641
JOSEPH W. COTTRELL.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 647
WILLIAM L. WEBBER.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 650
JOHN E. BURRELL.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 652
JAMES B. SAFFORD.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 653
ROY F. SHEPARD.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 656
HIRAM SCHOCH	Past Master	Lodge No. 657
WILLIAM C. SEIBERT.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 669
GEORGE I. MCINTYRE	Past Master	Lodge No. 674
WILLIAM B. DEWEES.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 676
FRANK D. HARTMAN	Past Master	Lodge No. 678
FLOYD ROSE.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 680
OLIVER B. ALCORN.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 684
NATHANIAL L. CROW.....	Past Master	Lodge No. 685

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Brother JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, Pittsburgh, Pa., Past Master of Lodge No. 219, delivered an address appropriate to the occasion, which will be preserved to complete the history of the corner-stone laying of the Allegheny County Freemasons Memorial Cottages.

DEPARTMENT OF FARMING.

This department embraces agriculture, orchards, truck gardening, landscape gardening, horticulture, arboriculture, dairy, piggery, poultry, apiary, live stock, etc. All under the direction of the Superintendent of Farms and his special assistants.

A very substantial improvement is shown in every branch of this department; Addendum, Schedule F, shows in detail:

Acreage cultivated and yield.

Analysis of farm expenditures.

Addendum, Schedule G, shows details of live stock, dairy, piggery, sheep, poultry, apiary, etc.

Addendum, Schedule H, contains details of orchards, yield, etc.

Addendum, Schedule I, shows permanent shade and ornamental tree planting, shrubbery, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

This department, too, has been very busy, as is shown by Addendum, Schedule J showing a wonderful amount of work done during the year, in duct lines to new buildings, electric cables, heating, telephone, sewers, up-keep of power and light plant, laundry, garage, roads, water supply and mains, reservoirs, disposal plant, improvements and repairs of farm buildings, plumbing, foot walks, stone crushing, etc.

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A complete inventory and appraisement of the personal property of the Homes, in use in the farming and engineering departments, was made and is now on file, aggregating \$36,888.13.

DONATIONS.

The Committee acknowledges its indebtedness to Brothers PAUL J. PONTIUS, PETER N. K. SCHWENK, McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE and WALTER LOWA, oculists of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to Brothers WILLIAM L. and CHARLES R. WALL, opticians of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who visited the Homes, prescribed for and adjusted eye-glasses for 106 guests at the Homes.

Brother WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, of the Committee on Masonic Homes, purchased ten acres of woodland adjacent to the Homes lands, and presented it to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. "The Donaldson Woods" are a valuable and much needed addition to our grounds. The thanks of the Committee were duly tendered him.

A large aquarium was donated to the Homes by Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. It occupies a place in the corridor of the west porch, and contains 132 gold fish, of several varieties. The aquarium is connected with the water and lighting systems.

The famous "Gish," now known as "The Grand Lodge Spring," is one of the interesting sights of the Homes, and where you can refresh yourself with cool sparkling water under the most inviting conditions. It is a thing of beauty, and we are indebted to Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, R. W. Grand Master, for the unique plan of preserving this spring in its purity and, also, for the building, without cost to Grand Lodge.

We have been the recipients of many other gifts, as by reference to Addendum, Schedule K, will appear.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Debit—Receipts.

Cash received from Grand Lodge:	
Maintenance	\$114,314.25
Capital account	59,541.79
	<hr/> \$173,856.04
Received for donations	382.70
	<hr/> \$174,238.74

Credit—Expenditures.

Paid Grand Lodge receipts for	
Maintenance	\$9,788.46
Paid Grand Lodge receipts for	
Capital account	3,232.61
Paid Grand Lodge receipts for	
Donations	382.70
	<hr/> \$13,403.77
Paid bill returned	62.65
Unpaid bills of 1915	4,084.76
Capital account	\$56,246.53
Maintenance ac-	
count	97,741.43
	<hr/> 153,987.96
Cash balance on hand November	
15, 1916	2,699.60
	<hr/> \$174,238.74
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CONCLUSION.

BRETHREN:

You have not only erected comfortable, and even pretentious homes for our less fortunate Brethren, and those dependent upon them, developed your broad acreage, and garnered the rich harvest, but, moreover, you have cared for, and watched over, those who have been forced from the sun-

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shine of prosperity into the cold shade of adversity, with a brotherly spirit that cannot be measured with calculating sordidness, but, alone, with the holiest love, and tenderest compassion.

What you have achieved at the threshold of your Masonic endeavor at Elizabethtown has already won deserved praise. It has made the boasted heritage of our honored and venerated Institution more precious, and has intensified in every thoughtful Brother's breast a keener interest in his fellow-man, until every note to-day is discordant that does not sound the pæan of praise. As we continue the upbuilding of the Homes, may the spirit of enlightened and liberal philanthropy hold its enabling sway, and guide our lives. Looking up unceasingly for wisdom, strength, and courage.

• LOUIS A. WATRES,

Grand Master,

JAMES B. KRAUSE,

Deputy Grand Master,

JOHN S. SELL,

Senior Grand Warden,

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,

Junior Grand Warden,

GEORGE B. ORLADY, P. G. M.,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. M.,

EDWARD W. PATTON,

GEORGE W. McCANDLESS,

WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,

ANDREW H. HERSHEY,

HENRY C. SCHOCK.

ADDENDUM.

FROM REPORTS OF BROTHER N. FRANKLIN HECKLER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF MASONIC HOMES,
ELIZABETHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

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SCHEDULE A.

VISITATIONS, NOVEMBER 15, 1915, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

Date	Lodge	Place
1915		
Nov. 28	Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.....	Lancaster.
Dec. 5	Manheim Lodge, No. 587.....	Manheim.
1916		
Feb. 27	Casiphia Lodge, No. 551.....	Mount Joy.
May 7	Lodge No. 43.....	Lancaster.
" 14	Ephrata Lodge, No. 665.....	Ephrata.
" 28	Eureka Lodge, No. 302.....	Mechanicsburg.
June 4	West Shore Lodge, No. 681.....	Camp Hill.
" 4	Shiloh Lodge, No. 558.....	Lansdale.
" 10	Radiant Star Lodge, No. 606.....	Philadelphia.
" 25	York Lodge, No. 226.....	York.
July 4	Adams Lodge, No. 319.....	New Bloomfield.
" 23	Huguenot Lodge, No. 377.....	Kutztown.
Sept. 17	Perseverance Lodge, No. 21.....	Harrisburg.
" 24	Manheim Lodge, No. 587.....	Manheim.
Oct. 1	Radiant Star Lodge, No. 606.....	Philadelphia.
" 8	Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.....	Lancaster.
" 13	Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197.....	Carlisle.
" 13	St. John's Lodge, No. 260.....	Carlisle.
" 22	Ashara Lodge, No. 398.....	Marietta.
" 29	Perseverance Lodge, No. 21.....	Harrisburg.

The Homes continue to be the object of interest to other organizations, as may be seen by the following list:

1915	
Dec.	1 Boy Scouts of Lebanon, Pa.
1916	
June	1 Freemasons of Lehigh County, Pa., accompanied by their families and friends.
"	21 Business Men of Newport, Pa.
"	21 Excursion Party from Columbia, Pa.
"	21 " " " Quarryville, Pa.
"	23 " " " High Rock, Pa.
"	23 " " " West Chester, Pa.
July	19 Acacia Club of Danville, Pa., composed of members of Danville Lodge, No. 224, and Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, accompanied by their families and friends.

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- Aug. 16 Excursion Party from Manheim, Pa.
 " 18 Cigarmakers of York, Pa.
 " 23 Excursion Party from Red Lion, Pa.
 " 24 Freemasons from Lancaster County held a basket picnic in Mount Moriah Grove.
 " 25 Cigarmakers of East Prospect, Pa.
 Oct. 16 Freemasons of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, accompanied by their families and friends. This excursion was inspired and directed by Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES.

SCHEDULE B.

OUR GUESTS.

No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests	No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests
2	Philadelphia	1	221	Pittsburgh	2
9	"	2	225	Greensburg	1
19	"	3	227	Reading	5
21	Harrisburg	2	229	Rochester	1
25	Bristol	2	230	Philadelphia	5
43	Lancaster	6	233	Pittston	2
45	Pittsburgh	1	236	Chester	2
52	Philadelphia	2	238	Tamaqua	1
59	"	2	244	Kittanning	1
61	Wilkes-Barre	1	246	Philadelphia	7
70	Athens	1	248	Tunkhannock	3
72	Philadelphia	2	249	Carbondale	2
81	"	1	254	Pottstown	3
91	"	1	256	Milton	2
114	"	1	262	Orrstown	1
115	"	3	264	Columbus	1
121	"	2	268	Bellefonte	3
130	"	1	269	Pittsburgh	5
135	"	2	271	Philadelphia	3
143	Chambersburg	1	272	Butler	1
152	Easton	3	273	Ardmore	2
155	Philadelphia	1	274	Philadelphia	2
158	"	2	276	Brookville	1
186	"	1	278	Johnstown	1
187	"	4	281	Altoona	2
190	Norristown	3	286	Columbia	1
194	Selinsgrove	2	287	Pittsburgh	5
197	Carlisle	2	289	Philadelphia	2
199	Lock Haven	1	292	"	2
211	Philadelphia	5	295	"	1
216	Pottsville	1	299	Muncy	1
219	Pittsburgh	3	302	Mechanicsburg	1
220	Hollidaysburg	1	306	Troy	1

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No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests	No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests
307	Womelsdorf	2	444	Philadelphia	1
309	Downingtown	1	449	"	1
317	Wellsboro	1	451	York	1
318	Pittsburgh	2	453	Philadelphia	1
321	"	1	464	Harrisburg	4
325	Stroudsburg	1	476	Lancaster	6
326	Trexlerstown	1	477	Westfield	1
332	Plymouth	1	481	Philadelphia	4
333	Allentown	1	482	"	3
334	Bradford	1	484	Pittsburgh	1
335	Montoursville	1	486	Middletown	1
339	Scranton	5	487	Philadelphia	1
340	Green Tree	1	490	Altoona	3
343	Cochranville	4	491	Philadelphia	2
344	Milford	1	495	Renovo	1
346	Connellsville	2	500	Philadelphia	1
353	Oxford	1	508	Pittsburgh	3
355	Blairsville	1	510	Braddock	1
358	Somerset	1	513	Pittsburgh	1
359	Philadelphia	1	515	Osceola Mills	2
360	Susquehanna	1	516	Danville	1
366	Union City	1	519	Philadelphia	1
367	Reading	1	527	"	1
369	Philadelphia	3	529	"	4
371	Thompstontown	3	530	Bellevue	2
380	Philadelphia	1	532	Driftwood	1
386	"	1	537	Centre Hall	2
390	Pittsburgh	1	540	Chicora	1
393	Philadelphia	3	543	Philadelphia	5
398	Marietta	1	551	Mount Joy	1
400	Jenkintown	2	555	Duke Centre	1
402	Philadelphia	5	569	Parkesburg	2
404	Northumberland	2	574	Coalport	2
406	Hamburg	1	575	Mercer	1
415	Canton	1	576	Pittsburgh	1
419	Philadelphia	1	585	Royersford	3
420	Conshohocken	2	587	Manheim	1
424	Jamestown	1	606	Philadelphia	1
432	Philadelphia	1	609	"	1
435	Reading	1	610	"	1
436	Philadelphia	1	618	Wyalusing	1
438	Nicholson	2	639	St. Mary's	2
441	Philadelphia	3	660	Reading	1
442	Wilkes-Barre	1			

Total number of guests 285

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COUNTIES REPRESENTED.

On November 15, 1916, there were 285 guests on roll from 47 counties, as follows:

Allegheny	29	Lackawanna	6
Armstrong	1	Lancaster	16
Beaver	1	Lehigh	2
Berks	11	Luzerne	6
Blair	6	Lycoming	2
Bradford	4	McKean	2
Bucks	2	Mercer	2
Butler	2	Monroe	1
Cambria	1	Montgomery	15
Cameron	1	Montour	1
Centre	5	Northampton	3
Chester	9	Northumberland	4
Clearfield	4	Philadelphia	106
Clinton	2	Pike	1
Cumberland	3	Schuylkill	2
Dauphin	7	Somerset	1
Delaware	2	Snyder	2
Elk	2	Susquehanna	1
Erie	1	Tioga	2
Fayette	2	Warren	1
Franklin	2	Wyoming	5
Indiana	1	Westmoreland	1
Jefferson	1	York	1
Juniata	3		

SCHEDULE C.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES NOV. 15, 1915, TO NOV. 15, 1916.

1915

Nov.	21	Casiphia Lodge, No. 551.....	Mt. Joy.
"	28	Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.....	Lancaster.
Dec.	5	Manheim Lodge, No. 587.....	Manheim.
"	12	Rev. Gilbert M. Chamberlain, M. E.	
"	19	" P. T. Broscius, United Evan.	
"	26	" William B. Cook, Pres.	

1916

Jan.	2	N. Franklin Heckler, Bap.	
"	9	Rev. Bro. M. D. Lichliter, D.D., M. E.	
"	16	" " Thomas Reisch, Lutheran	
"	23	" " Lewis C. Manges, Lutheran	
"	30	" " S. W. Herman, Lutheran	

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Feb.	6	“ “ Joseph A. Lyter, D.D., U. B.	
“	13	“ “ John W. Forrest, M. E.	
“	20	“ “ William M. Hartman, M. E.	
“	27	Casiphia Lodge, No. 551.....	Mt. Joy.
Mar.	5	Rev. Bro. Robert W. Runyan, M. E.	
“	12	“ “ J. B. Markward, Lutheran.	
“	19	“ Henry Klaer, Pres.	
“	26	“ Bro. Wm. N. Yates, D.D., Church of God	
Apr.	2	“ E. E. Curtis, Pres.	
“	9	“ Thomas C. McCarrell, D.D., Pres.	
“	16	“ Bro. M. D. Lichliter, D.D., M. E.	
“	23	“ Geo. E. Hawes, Pres.	
“	30	“ Bro. Henry A. Thomas, Bap.	
May	7	Lodge No. 43	Lancaster.
“	14	Ephrata Lodge, No. 665.....	Ephrata.
“	21	Rev. I. N. Seldomridge, U. B.	
“	28	Eureka Lodge, No. 302.....	Mechanicsburg.
June	4	West Shore Lodge, No. 681.....	Camp Hill.
“	11	Brownstone Lodge, No. 666.....	Hummelstown.
“	18	Rev. Bro. Gilbert M. Chamberlain, M. E.	
“	25	York Lodge, No. 266.....	York.
July	2	Perseverance Lodge, No. 21.....	Harrisburg.
“	9	Rev. Bro. Dallas M. DeHuze, M. E.	
“	16	“ “ John W. Forrest, M. E.	
“	23	Bro. Wesley N. Clifford, M. E.	
“	30	Rev. Bro. Henry A. Thomas, Bap.	
Aug.	6	Milton Lodge, No. 256.....	Milton.
“	13	Rev. Bro. Dallas M. DeHuze, M. E.	
“	20	“ A. Stokes Watson, Bap.	
“	27	“ Bro. S. N. Dissinger, United Evan.	
Sept.	3	Bro. James Isaac Buchanan, Pres.	
“	10	Rev. Bro. Dallas M. DeHuze, M. E.	
“	17	Perseverance Lodge, No. 21.....	Harrisburg.
“	24	Manheim Lodge, No. 587.....	Manheim.
Oct.	1	Radiant Star Lodge, No. 606.....	Philadelphia.
“	8	Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.....	Lancaster.
“	15	Rev. Bro. Henry A. Thomas, Bap.	
“	22	Ashara Lodge, No. 398.....	Marietta.
“	29	Perseverance Lodge, No. 21.....	Harrisburg.
Nov.	5	Mr. H. R. Macrory, Bap.	
“	12	Rev. Bro. Thomas Reisch, Lutheran	

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SCHEDULE D.

ENTERTAINMENTS NOV. 15, 1915, TO NOV. 15, 1916.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

1915

- Nov. 25: The usual Thanksgiving Day dinner was served at noon. The religious services were held in the Assembly Room at 2.30 P.M. The services were opened by the reading of the Governor's Proclamation, followed by appropriate music, and a sermon suited to the day, by Rev. Brother Henry F. Hoover, Pastor of the Church of God of Elizabethtown, and Chaplain of Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 486, of Middletown, Pa. There was a distinct spirit of thanksgiving in the hearts of our guests for all the blessings so bountifully bestowed upon them by the Giver of all good gifts.
- Dec. 10: By Ladies' Auxiliary of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., Lancaster, Pa. Musical and literary entertainment.

CHRISTMAS.

1915

- Dec. 25: The Christmas decoration of the Homes was extensive and beautiful and surpassed all previous efforts. Two large Christmas trees were erected in the grand lobby of Grand Lodge Hall and one each in Guest Houses, Nos. 1 and 2, the homes of the boys and girls. The trees were decorated with many handsome tree ornaments and studded with colored electric lights. The side walls, doors and window frames were festooned with ropes of greens, while spirals of the same encircled the posts and pillars. Large wreaths found space on the walls with the festooning and large red paper bells, flags and many vari-colored electric light globes added much to the beauty of the decoration.

At sunrise, Brother JOHN W. COOKE, clarinet, and Mr. John S. Fisher, cornet, went through Grand Lodge Hall playing the music to "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Two new dollar bills were given each guest; to each man one box of cigars, and to each lady one box of candy.

Seven hundred and fifty (750) packages of gifts from Masonic bodies and individual members of the Fraternity from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Lancaster and other cities throughout the State were distributed.

At 12 o'clock the guests assembled in the dining-room, sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and sat down to a full-course turkey dinner.

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Telegrams of greetings were received from R. W. Grand Master-elect, Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, and from Past Master Brother GEORGE W. McCANDLESS, Mrs. McCandless and Miss Anna McCandless, of Pittsburgh.

The Christmas spirit of brotherly love and appreciation for the remembrances of the Brethren, so completely filled the hearts of all our guests, that it was in marked evidence throughout the entire day, and many silent prayers of gratitude were offered to Him, who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

1915

Dec. 31: All the beautiful Christmas decorations were preserved for the New Year's Reception and Masquerade Ball. The "Merry Christmas" lettering being replaced by the words "A Happy New Year."

The Reception and Ball was held on New Year's eve and was attended by a large concourse of people. In addition to the guests and employees, members of the Fraternity with their families were present from Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Lancaster, Millersville, Ephrata, Hershey and Harrisburg. One hundred and twenty-five (125) of the company were in masks and fancy dress of every variety. The schedule of dancing was completed with an old-fashioned Virginia Reel. The grand march was followed by unmasking and refreshments. A few minutes before midnight all the lights were extinguished and in silence and darkness the last few moments of 1915 were memories. As the hour of midnight was tolled, the lights were turned on and the New Year received a noisy welcome from the juvenile guests of the Homes, and a universal wishing of "A Happy New Year."

1916.

Jan. 1: Mrs. James Horgan and Mrs. Belle F. Grant, of Lebanon, Pa., presented fifty pounds of candy to the guests of the Homes. There was instrumental music and singing.

Feb. 12: Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated by the reading of papers, and by the rendering of appropriate music and addresses by the guests of the Homes.

" 14: Boy Scouts of Elizabethtown, Musical and Literary Entertainment and Exhibition Drill.

" 22: On Washington's Birthday, Grand Lodge Hall was profusely decorated with the national colors. The guests were assembled in the evening, and the exercises comprised addresses and papers appropriate to the occasion, interspersed with patriotic music.

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- Feb. 29: Entertainment by Ladies and Gentlemen of Elizabethtown, under the direction of Mr. John H. Epler.
- Mar. 4: Musical and Literary Entertainment by Miss Susan Buch, of Elizabethtown, Pa.
- “ 7: “Si Slocum’s Store.” Comic Sketch by the Men’s League of Trinity Lutheran Church of Mount Joy.
- “ 9: The Passion Play at Oberammergau. An illustrated lecture by Rev. Stewart W. Herman, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg.
- “ 22: A Select Reading, by Mrs. Lucy M. Runkle.
- “ 23: Piano Recital, by Miss Ardella Brandt, of Elizabethtown.
- “ 31: “Freemasonry in the Early Days.” A lecture by Brother FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES, P. M. of Milton Lodge, No. 256, of Milton, Pa., and D. D. G. M. of the 46th Masonic District of Pennsylvania.
- Apr. 5: Select Reading, by Mrs. Lucy M. Runkle.
- “ 12: Men’s Glee Club of Albright College of Myerstown, Pa.
- “ 28: Oratorical Contest, under the auspices of W. C. T. U. of Elizabethtown, the guests of the Homes participating.
- May 3: Entertainment by the Wit and Humor Club, an organization composed of the guests of the Homes.
- “ 9: Concert by the Mount Joy Choral Society, 75 voices.
- “ 11: Minstrel Entertainment, by members of Fraternity of Lancaster, Pa.
- “ 23: Musical and Literary Entertainment by wives and daughters of the Freemasons of Lebanon, Pa.
- “ 30: Piano Recital, by pupils and friends of Miss M. Cecile Smith, of Elizabethtown.

MEMORIAL DAY.

1916

- May 30: The Guests of the Homes who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, with others who were sailors and soldiers in the War of the Rebellion, and widows of soldiers, were in the morning conducted to the Masonic Homes’ Cemetery, where they decorated the graves of their deceased comrades with flowers.

They were met there by members of the John M. Good Post, No. 502, G. A. R., and General Miles Camp, No. 26, Sons of Veterans, of Elizabethtown.

The ritual of the Sons of Veterans was observed, Lincoln’s Address at Gettysburg read, “Nearer My God to Thee” was sung, three volleys were fired over the graves by the firing squad, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Henry F. Hoover, Pastor of the Church of God, of Elizabethtown, Pa.

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Exercises appropriate to the day were held in the Assembly Room of Grand Lodge Hall, and consisted of patriotic music, and an address on The American Soldier, by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DEHUZE, a guest of the Homes, and a veteran of the Civil War.

- June 2: An illustrated lecture under the auspices of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 481, of Philadelphia.
- " 14: Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.
- " 20: "A Union Soldier's Experience in the Civil War." An illustrated lecture by Rev. Bro. DALLAS M. DEHUZE.
- " 28: Concert by the Orchestra of the High School of Lancaster.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

1916

- July 3: Arrangements were made with the Elizabethtown Committee on Celebration for a joint celebration. As a sufficient sum for a fine pyrotechnic display at the Homes had been kindly contributed, by the individual members of the committee, it was determined to have the display on the night of July 3, that all might witness it and participate in the borough's celebration on the fourth. An immense audience of 3,000 people crowded the boulevards, gathered from a large territory surrounding the Homes. The display was beautiful.
- July 4: Independence Day found the guests congregated in the Assembly Room at 6.30 A.M. Exercises were opened with the singing of "America," followed by prayer, reading of Scripture, reading of Secretary Lane's "The Making of the Flag," salute to the flag, singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and benediction.
- The remaining interest of the day centred in the very interesting and creditable civic and industrial parade of Elizabethtown.
- July 5: Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.
- " 8: Entertainment by Mr. Chester R. Kirk and Brother GEORGE R. EBERSOLE, of Harrisburg, impersonators and monologue artists.
- " 23: Lecture, by Bro. J. LEONARD LEVY, of Pittsburgh.
- Aug. 5: Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.
- " 11: Vocal and Instrumental Musical Entertainment, by Brother HARRY H. SINGER and friends from Ephrata, Pa.
- Sept. 6: Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.

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- Oct. 4: Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.
 " 10: Piano Recital, by the Girls of the Homes.
 " 14: Mrs. Thomas Watson, elocutionist, of Philadelphia.
 " 18: Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. Bro. and Mrs. DALLAS M. DEHUZE.
 " 24: Interesting anecdotes by Hon. Francis J. O'Connor, of Johnstown, Pa.

HALLOWE'EN.

- Oct. 31: In accordance with the custom of the Homes to celebrate all holidays and public anniversaries, Hallowe'en was duly celebrated with especial reference to contribute to the enjoyment of the children. Many of the elder and all of the younger guests were masked and caricatured harlequins, columbines, witches, gypsies, Indians, etc. In addition to the funny antics, fortune telling, etc., of the masqueraders, games were indulged in, and there was vocal and instrumental music and dancing, concluding with a Hallowe'en lunch. The Assembly Room was artistically and beautifully decorated with flowers, branches of autumn leaves, ears of corn, and the walls were decorated with large orange-yellow banners ornamented with black cats, owls and bats.
- Nov. 4: "Across the Continent Through Colorado," an illustrated lecture under the auspices of Radiant Star Lodge, No. 606, of Philadelphia.

SCHEDULE E.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS

FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1915, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1916, \$158,072.72.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMES.

1—Administration—Salaries of Superintendent, Matrons, Book-keeper, Stenographer, Receiving Clerk, Store-keeper, Night Watchman and House-man..... \$9,200.91

GUESTS.

2—Burial—including grave markers 933.42
 3—Clothing 2,224.35
 4—Entertainment—Tobacco, Boy Scout, Chautauqua, etc. .. 117.09
 5—Transportation—Mileage for guests 247.60

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6—Sundries—Repairing watches, spectacles, etc.	\$413.82
7—Insurance—Samuel Armstrong	\$15.05
Frank J. Gottshall	56.36
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	71.41
8—Education—Tuition at public schools, college and music lessons for girls	750.71
9—Education—Supplies	1.15
10—Reading Matter—Library	53.96
11—Insurance—Fire and Liability	839.84
12—Taxes—Poll tax for guests and tax on property.....	872.28
13—Telephones	534.10
14—Committee Expense—Auto hire and photographs, corner- stone layings, etc.	71.16
15—General Expense—Cleaning boulevards, and other labor not chargeable to other accounts	1,153.63
16—Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,092.54
17—Cleaning Supplies—Mops, scrub buckets, scrub brushes, dust brushes, floor polishes, etc.	395.19
18—Toilet Supplies—Paper towels, toilet papers, soap and disinfectants	443.49
19—Postal Cards—Views of buildings, grounds, etc., on sale in Grand Lodge Hall	159.94
20—Dining-room—Labor: Salaries of waitresses	2,047.67
21—Dining-room Sundries—Replacing table linens, china- ware and silverware	771.52
22—Kitchen Labor—Cooks, assistants and dishwashers.....	4,131.57
23—Kitchen Sundries—Repairs to and replacing cooking utensils	505.68
24—Kitchen Equipment—New equipment, canning outfit and new cooking utensils	268.19
25—Dormitory Labor—Wages of porters and cleaners	4,114.20
26—Dormitories—Replacing bed clothing, etc.	1,036.53
27—Hospital—Grand Lodge Hall—Labor—Salaries of doc- tor and nurses	\$2,074.61
Supplies—medicines	1,211.30
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	3,285.91
28—Furniture and Fixtures—G. L. H. new furniture.....	680.11
29—Furniture and Fixtures—Guest House No. 1 furniture...	60.85
30—Furniture and Fixtures—Guest House No. 2 furniture...	30.39
31—Masonic Homes—Enclosing connecting corridor of G. L. H. and new drains on terrace.....	857.70
32—Meals—Bonus paid to kitchen and dining-room help for serving visitors' meals	517.83
33—Meats	4,430.72
34—Vegetables—Garden produce and fruits, potatoes, etc....	1,341.60
35—Groceries	4,631.53

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36—Sundries—Milk, eggs, butter, bread, etc.	\$3,732.84
37—Building—Berks Home—Installation of vacuum lines...	31.67
38—Furniture and Fixtures—Berks Home—Installation of vacuum cleaner and heating equipment.....	397.16
39—Building—Levis Cottage—Testing concrete and installa- tion of vacuum lines	33.24
40—Building—Levis Cottage—Installation of vacuum cleaner	246.15
41—Lands—Purchase money for lot adjoining power plant...	10.00
42—William M. Donaldson—Loan returned.....	5,000.00
Total	\$57,739.65

SCHEDULE F.

DEPARTMENT OF FARMING.

The acreage cultivated for the year was as follows:

Wheat and clover	76 acres
Wheat—fall seeding 1916	90 “
Oats	30 “
Corn	90 “
Rye	27 “
Grass	98 “
Alfalfa	56 “
Alfalfa—new seeding	3 “
Cow peas—cover crop	29 “
Crimson clover and turnips—cover crop.....	20 “
Buckwheat	6 “
Clover—new seeding, spring 1916.....	85 “
Permanent pasture—grass seeding	5 “
Potatoes	9 “
Millet	2 “
Canada field peas and oats—forage crop—piggery.....	2 “
Corn—forage crop—piggery	6 “
Alfalfa—new seeding—piggery	2 “
Rye—new seeding, fall 1916—piggery	3 “

The yield of which has been:

Wheat	1,093 bushels
Oats—(estimated)	1,100 “
Corn—silage	300 tons
“ Estimated, shelled	3,000 bushels
Mixed hay	80 tons
Alfalfa hay	144 “
Rye	400 bushels
Buckwheat (estimated).....	120 “
Potatoes	700 “
Millet hay	2 tons

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COVER CROPS.

Weather conditions were favorable for the early summer cover crops of cow peas and satisfactory results have been obtained. The drought prevented a stand of crimson clover and turnip seeding.

ANALYSIS OF FARM EXPENDITURES—NOVEMBER 15, 1915, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

Farm Labor—salary of head farmer, picking stones, burning brush, etc.	\$1,512.46
Farm Supplies—fertilizers and seeds	821.71
New Farm Equipment: 1 four-ton farm wagon, 1 steel-wheel farm wagon, 1 potato and field sprayer, 2 grass mowers, 1 8-foot Osborn binder, 2 pivot axle riding cultivators, 2 springtooth harrows, 2 steel land rollers, 1 alfalfa cultivator and seeder, 1 double set of yankee harness	777.66
Farm Products—labor, marketing	15.20
Maintaining Farm Equipment—repairs to farming implements.	825.48
Garden Labor—wages of vegetable gardener and assistants.. (Head gardener, \$720.) (2 men full time March 1st to November 1st.)	1,561.03
Garden Supplies—manures, fertilizer and seeds	296.70
Garden Produce—labor marketing	5.25
New Garden Equipment—1 Oliver Reversible plow, 1 knapsack sprayer	44.37
Maintaining Garden Equipment—repairs to garden implements	71.12
Orchard Labor—spraying, pruning, gathering fruit, etc....	1,076.33
Orchard Supplies—spraying material and fruit baskets.....	251.83
Dairy Labor—wages of head dairyman and assistants.....	1,792.81
Dairy Supplies—feed, bedding, coal for creamery, etc.....	1,819.85
Dairy Products—labor marketing	7.28
Maintaining Dairy Equipment—repairs to dairy equipment..	88.96
Equipment Dairy—milk cans	15.27
Poultry Labor—feeding and attending to chickens, wages of head poultryman	778.57
Poultry Supplies—feed, straw, coal, etc.....	2,565.79
Poultry Products—labor marketing	47.17
Maintaining Poultry Equipment—repairs to litter carrier, tools, incubator, etc.	83.15
New Poultry Plant Equipment—new section to incubator, 10 chicken crates, new tools, 1 shotgun, 1 revolver.....	258.15
Buckwheat—planting and harvesting crop on hand.....	46.61
Potatoes—planting and harvesting crop on hand, 8 acres....	450.44

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Hay—sowing and harvesting, including fall sowing of 1916..	\$746.32
Tobacco—Labor—stripping and baling crop of 1915.....	62.01
Wood—Labor—thinning out and cutting trees for cord-wood to clear woods	72.06
Lumber—cutting trees and sawing into board lengths at saw- mill for repairing buildings and new additions.....	356.41
Alfalfa—sowing and harvesting (144 tons on hand)	305.34
Oats—sowing and harvesting (1100 bushels on hand)	206.85
Soy Beans—expense of threshing (175 bushels on hand)....	15.14
Rye—sowing and harvesting (400 bushels on hand)	81.27
Live Stock—Dairy Cattle—5 grade cows	656.00
Live Stock—Sheep—one Shropshire ram	20.00
Live Stock—Kitchen Cattle—steers for fattening (22 steers on hand)	1,719.66
Kitchen Cattle—Labor—feeding and attending steers	9.19
Kitchen Cattle—Feed—hay, straw and grain.....	195.60
Piggery—Labor—feeding and attending to pigs, swineherd at \$45 per month	622.23
Piggery—Supplies—feed, straw, etc.	1,763.03
Stable Labor—feeding and attending to horses and mules and cleaning all stables	541.28
Stable Supplies—feed, straw, etc., for all horse stables.....	2,031.22
Stable Harness—new harness, Engineers' Department.....	71.40
Maintaining Stable—horseshoeing and repairing harness—all stables	476.56
Sheep Labor—feeding and attending sheep	198.21
Sheep Supplies—feed, straw and expense of shearing.....	408.04
Corn—Labor—planting and harvesting	1,590.94
Wheat—Labor—planting, harvesting and marketing	603.74
Vineyard—labor cultivating	243.74
Forestration and Landscape Gardening—Transplanting trees from nursery to sites along boundary road, sewage dis- posal plant, along the lakes, grading around hospital, Berks Home, Levis Building, Linden Grove, the latter amounting to 5,000 yards, at 35 cents a yard, \$1,750....	2,206.97
Maintaining Forestration and Landscape Gardening:	
1,000 cubic yards at Lake No. 3	
1,400 “ “ “ P. F. M. H.	
300 “ “ “ Berks Home	
500 “ “ “ Linden Grove Spring.....	1,959.30
Improvement Grounds, Clearing and Fencing.....	964.91
Maintaining Grounds—cleaning out hedgerows, cutting briars, filling up ditches in fields.....	644.73
Bees—new hives and honey house, including equipment.....	288.67
Cow Peas—threshing	7.94
Millet	2.95

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Live Stock—Poultry—30 cockerels and expressage.....	\$118.01
“ “ —Pigs—new stock, 1 registered Berkshire boar...	42.70
“ “ —Horses and mules:	
1 pair of mules.....	\$450.00
1 pair of mules.....	425.00
1 horse	143.00
1 horse	124.37
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	1,142.37
Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$35,587.98

SCHEDULE G.

DAIRY.

REGISTERED AYRSHIRE STOCK.

1 Registered Ayrshire bull	\$1,000.00
6 “ “ cows	1,700.00
1 “ “ bull calf	100.00
3 “ “ heifers	600.00
3 Eligible to register heifer calves	300.00
3 “ “ “ bull calves.....	150.00
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	\$3,850.00

GRADE STOCK.

1 Bull	\$60.00
28 Cows	2,240.00
1 Heifer	100.00
18 “ calves	900.00
1 Bull calf	15.00
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	3,315.00
Total	<hr/> \$7,165.00

KITCHEN CATTLE.

10 Steers	\$400.00
12 “	360.00
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	\$760.00

STABLE.

18 Horses	\$3,100.00
12 Mules	2,775.00
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	\$5,875.00

PIGGERY.

REGISTERED STOCK.

2 Registered Berkshire boars	\$100.00
2 “ “ sows	100.00
12 Eligible to register Berkshire gilts	240.00
3 “ “ “ “ boars	45.00
19 “ “ “ “ sucking pigs	76.00
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	\$561.00

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GRADE STOCK.

24 Sows	\$960.00
2 Shoats	12.00
113 Sucking pigs	452.00
86 Fattening hogs	2,150.00
	<hr/> \$3,574.00

\$4,135.00

SHEEP.

63 Ewes and lambs	\$378.00
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POULTRY.

Receipts.

Sale of products	\$1,981.23
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Stock on hand:

63 Leghorn cockerels	\$3.00	\$189.00
876 " hens	1.50	1,314.00
644 " pullets	1.50	966.00
20 " chicks .....	.75	15.00
1 Buff Orpington cockerel		1.00
1 " " hen		1.00
5 " " pullets .....	.50	2.50
35 Pigeons .....	.50	17.50
3 Muscovy drakes	1.50	4.50
6 " ducks	1.25	7.50
1 Duckling .....		.50
6 Guineas .....	.50	3.00
3 Peacocks	15.00	45.00
		<hr/> \$2,566.50

APIARY.

An apiary was started last spring for the cross-pollination of the fruit and vegetable blossoms. At present we have 18 hives of bees, and took from them this fall over 600 pounds of honey.

SCHEDULE H.

ORCHARD.

	On Hand	Grand Lodge Hall	Cash
Peaches, 803 baskets		\$610.95	
" 1800 "			\$1,501.08
Apples and cider		73.43	
" " "			42.26
" stored 95 bu.	\$95.00		
Cider for vinegar, 315 gallons.....	63.00		
Pears, 72 bu.		43.40	
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Total	\$158.00	\$727.78	\$1,543.34
Total			\$2,429.12

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1916.

SCHEDULE I.

LANDSCAPE GARDENING.

The following permanent tree plantings were completed during the past year:

Norway Spruce—

Planted and trimmed to make close hedge on both sides
of Garden road 350 trees

White Pine—

Planted near boundary roads 39 trees

Norway Spruce—

Planted near boundary roads 50 trees

White Pine—

Planted on site between upper and middle lakes 620 trees

Norway Spruce—

Planted on bank north of sewage disposal plant 200 trees

Nursery—

Planted in line 12 ft. in front of and parallel with laying
houses at poultry plant 15 trees

Norway Spruce 30 trees

White Pine 25 trees

Planted on triangle at Mt. Moriah Grove 75 trees

The State Forestry experts made several inspections of all the Pine and Spruce trees in nursery and new plantings, and reported same free from disease.

SCHEDULE J.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES AND LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS MADE—NOVEMBER 15, 1915, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

Power Plant—Labor—wages of engineers, firemen and helper..	\$6,740.41
“ “ Supplies—coal, oils, wastes and grease.....	6,900.80
“ “ Machinery and Equipment	5,193.27

STATEMENT A.

Duct line from G. L. H. to Levis Memorial and Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial, 1160' distant, Allegheny County Memorial and Berks Home, including

- 1—Hot water heating system.
- 2—Hot water for domestic purposes.
- 3—Electric cables for light and power.
- 4—Telephone service.
- 5—Sanitary sewer system.

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This was constructed by grading of an excavated ditch of a uniform depth of six feet, and five feet wide. Concrete walls four inches thick and thirty inches high, with an open space between of 30" for hot water pipes. The cable retainers, "Orangeburg conduit," are three inches in diameter, and run the entire distance and were placed inside the concrete walls. Also three-inch retainers for telephone cables were installed. The covering of the duct consists of thirty-inch corrugated asbestos slip sheathing, then four inches of concrete thoroughly dried and coated with pitch. Seven manholes of concrete construction, walls six feet high, five feet wide, six feet inside, with iron manholes of standard make on top. Piping consists of two six-inch mains for heating and two two-inch mains for domestic hot water lines. Distance between manholes is two hundred feet. All pipe was welded with a prestolite welding outfit, then covered with 7/8-inch 85 per cent. magnesia covering; then a waterproof covering of tar paper and waterproof cement painted on same the entire length, including rollers for contraction and expansion of both systems; expansion joints were installed at each manhole. The connections to ten-inch mains in G. L. H. through the Levis Building, which were also connected to the hot water heating systems and domestic hot water system. All pipes in passageways of buildings were covered same as in duct lines and canvas jacketed instead of waterproof painted. Electric cables consist of both power and lighting lines the entire length from transformer room in G. L. H. to Hospital. Each line is controlled with double throw oil switches in G. L. H. and Hospital. Cable is heavy enough for all future connections. The necessary transformers for both power and light being large enough for future extensions.

BERKS HOME.

Electric connections from main duct line from power house to G. L. H. to Berks Home, a distance of five hundred feet of solid concrete construction "Orangeburg" three-inch pipe at an average depth of four feet, with cable pulled in and transformers in B. H. with oil switches taking care of future lighting and power for B. H.

SANITARY SEWERS.

From P. F. M. H. to present sewer lines one thousand feet of six-inch terra-cotta pipe at a depth of six feet with necessary manholes and vents. Sanitary sewer from B. H. to present sanitary sewer line four hundred feet average depth, ten feet six inch terra-cotta line.

Maintaining Power Plant—Machinery and Equipment, repairs
to roadscraper, roadroller, roadscoops, road drags, picks,
drills and quarry equipment \$680.96

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Power Plant and Laundry Building—Installation of ventilators and awnings	\$208.82
Maintaining of Ducts—Repairing manholes	133.67
Electric Wires and Poles (Read Statement A)	3,608.54
Electric Lamps—New Buildings—G. L. H., Guest Houses, Hospital, Berks Home and Levis Cottage.....	37.00
Maintaining Electric Lamps—Buildings—replacing burnt-out and broken lamps throughout all buildings	285.63
Maintaining Wires and Poles—Necessary repairs on electric lines	13.67
Laundry—Labor—one forelady and eight assistants.....	3,318.79
Laundry Supplies—Soaps, wooden buttons, marking ink, starches, bleaches, blueing, etc.	351.08
Laundry Machinery and Equipment—Two new steam presses and four electric fans	255.52
Maintaining Laundry Machinery and Equipment—Repairs to machinery and recovering rolls and boards with new felts and aprons	122.46
Garage—Labor—wages for two truck drivers	563.27
“ —Supplies—gasoline, grease and oil.....	372.08
“ —Trucks—3½-ton capacity G. M. C. truck with oil hoist.	1,510.57
Maintaining Garage—New tires and ordinary repairs to trucks.	581.59
Total	\$30,878.13

STATEMENT B.

Roads, Footways and Bridges—During the year the following roads were built:

Garden road, from Amiesite road to dairy barn, 2,000 feet. Top dressing: two inches of ¾-inch stone and top dressed with ¼-inch screenings rolled and oiled; also 200 feet of retaining wall six feet high of our native stone.

Road around dairy barn to horse barn and piggery 1,500 feet. The roadbed was graded 16 feet wide and supplied with eight inches of Telford stone, three inches of 1½-inch stone, two inches of ¾-inch stone and top dressed with ¼-inch screenings, all of which was furnished from our stone quarry and rolled with our engine and road roller.

Cemetery road, from Ridge road to cemetery, 1,800 feet. Built of seven-inch Telford stone, three inches of one and one-half-inch stone, rolled but not top dressed.

Hospital road, from Amiesite road to Hospital, 700 feet. This road is 20 feet wide with an average fill of 6 feet. This road is now ready for top dressing.

Service road, from boulevard to service court, 600 feet. Built of

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stone from stone bank to the depth of six inches and rolled and top dressed with 1½-inch stone to the depth of three inches.

Dairy Lane, from Ridge road to Meadow, 3,400 feet. Twelve foot wide dirt road. Plowed, scraped and crowned.

FOOTWALKS.

At No. 1 Guest House 350 feet of cement walks four feet wide. At Levis Memorial 200 feet.

Stone Crusher and Concrete Mixer	\$281.65
Stone Crusher and Concrete Mixer—Labor in quarry crushing 2,500 tons	1,008.62
Maintaining Crusher and Concrete Mixer—Over 2,500 tons of stone were crushed for roadways, footwalks and duct lines, and a shelter for engine and roller was constructed.....	54.33
Water Plant—Labor—wages of pump man and improving of springs	514.37
Water Plant—Supplies—oils .....	.62

STATEMENT C.

Water Plant—Mains—laying of new water mains:

The Gish springhouse was removed owing to decay, and excavations were made through solid rock a distance of twenty feet, and a concrete octagon house erected over the spring with step and cement approaches, and it was renamed—Grand Lodge Spring. A four-inch cast-iron water line was laid to pumping station No. 2, which consists of a 12 feet × 12 feet concrete well with an octagon concrete house, containing a 15 H. P. motor 8-inch × 10-inch triplex pump and transformers. This works automatically by a float-switch, forcing water to 8-inch force main leading to distributing reservoir on Ridge road from which it flows by gravity to Grand Lodge Hall and the several buildings on the entire grounds. Springs Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were sealed with concrete wells, and piped with 4-inch cast-iron bell-and-spigot pipes to pumping station No. 2, thus protecting the purity of our spring water from any contaminating matter of any kind. Four-inch water lines were extended to P. F. M. H., one 2-inch line to Berks Home, two 4-inch lines to Allegheny County Memorial, one 4-inch line was run to disposal plant from No. 1 lake. Water lines were installed to calf barn, piggery and vegetable wash house.

Water Plant—Machinery and Equipment—new pump and necessary connections at pump house No. 2.....	\$1,491.91
Maintaining Water Plant Machinery and Equipment—Repairs to machinery	170.31
Maintaining Water Mains—Labor and necessary pipe for re- pairing water lines	316.35
Maintaining Water Plant Reservoir—Emptying and cleaning..	11.75

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Maintaining Dams—Repairs to walls of dams.....	\$3.20
Disposal Plant—Machinery and erection of Building complete	21,000.00
Disposal Plant—Labor—wages of man attending same.....	236.52
Disposal Plant—Supplies—1 gross test bottles, 1 ton bichloride of lime, 2 barrels pulverized alum, 15 gallons machine oil..	167.04
Maintaining Disposal Plant Machinery and Equipment—Necessary repairs to machinery	67.04
Disposal Plant Equipment—Electric fixtures	14.36
Building No. 1—Tenant House along Falmouth Pike—papering rooms	1.35
Building No. 26—Old Stone House—new roof, new floor, new spouting, painted inside and outside	134.90
Building No. 28—Farmers' Residence—new hinges.....	.18
Furnishings and Fixtures Building No. 28—Farmers' Residence—furnishing office	70.64
Drainage and Sanitation—Storm water lines around hospital, sanitary sewers hospital and Berks Home as per Statement A	1,499.09
Building No. 4—Tenant House on Bunyan Shaffer Tract—spouting on front	1.69
Building No. 33—Tenant House on Jos. G. Heisey Tract—installation of new windows and new chimney	36.40
Building No. 7—Old Stone Barn—Olweiler Tract—remodeling same throughout	983.18
Building No. 35—Guest House No. 1—cabinet for rubbers.....	1.30
Furnishing and Fixtures Building No. 18—Vegetable Gardener's residence, bath and toilet equipment.....	163.50
Ducts (Read Statement A)	1,790.39
Building Pump House No. 2 (Read Statement C)	483.81
Building No. 10A—Grand Lodge Spring House (Read Statement C)	425.96
Total	\$29,070.87

STATEMENT D.

Building No. 11—Slaughter House and Smoke House. (This is built in west end of Gish barn No. 11. Concrete washboards and floors, furred ceilings and sides, wire-lathed and plastered. Equipment: boiler, smoke house, butchers' tools, drains, hot water, cold water, closets, drains and chopping machine.)	
Furnishings and Equipment Building No. 11—Slaughter house equipment	\$569.97
Building No. 11A—New wagon shed at Gish barn	522.73

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Building No. 19 and 19A—Vegetable wash house and forcing house at garden	\$224.57
Furnishings and Equipment Building No. 19A—Heating Plant and trough for washing vegetables	96.54
Building No. 16A—Landscape gardener's greenhouse	200.50
Furnishings and Equipment Building No. 16A—Heating plant.	224.98
Building No. 44—Piggery—new sliding doors and wire partition	6.93
Building No. 42—Poultry Plant—extension to colony houses and installation of ventilators; remodelling administration building for tenant	338.72
Furnishings and Fixtures Building No. 42—Administration Building—Poultry Plant toilet equipment.....	48.27
Furnishings and Fixtures Building No. 43—New dairy barn—erection of wind-shield and enlarging calf pen.....	149.04
Building No. 18—Vegetable Gardener's House—new porch....	7.88
Sand Quarry—Wages for mining same—concreting retaining walls and foundations	20.24
Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital Building—Installation of vacuum and steam lines throughout building	259.98
Equipment—Furnishings and Fixtures—Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital—installation of vacuum cleaner, kitchen equipment and refrigerator	180.63
Building No. 52—Building for housing auto truck.....	29.75
Maintaining Buildings, Furnishing and Fixtures.	

STATEMENT E.

Mt. Moriah Rest House No. 36—Repaired and repainted.

Keenard House No. 12—Repapered four rooms.

“ Barn “ 13—Repaired stable for housing four mules. Repaired doors.

Keenard Shed No. 14—Repaired to receive road-making machinery.

Power House and Laundry No. 38—Repairs to main doors.

Sheepcote No. 39—Repaired roof and mangers.

Ordinary repairs to furniture and refinishing floors in Grand Lodge Hall.

Shaffer House No. 4—Repapered and repainted interior.

Hilt House No. 16—Repapered two rooms and repainted two rooms, and installed water in wash house.

Landscape Gardener's Greenhouse No. 16A—New ventilators and painted exterior.

Hilt Barn No. 17—Repaired doors and roof. Filled up for machinery storage.

House No. 25—Guest House No. 2—installed syphon pump, built new steps, painted floors and roof, new storm door.

Wagon House No. 11A—Rebuilt new wagon shed 20×40 feet and painted.

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- Corn House No. 11B—Repaired and underpinned.
Implement House No. 11C—Repainted.
New Piggery No. 44—Installed new sliding doors, new wire fencing.
Shoat Pen No. 44A—Painted.
Heisey Barn No. 34—Repaired barn doors and painted exterior.
New Dairy Barn No. 43—Supplied copper screens for doors.
Calf Barn No. 43B—Repainted and altered front windows.
Ebersole House No. 18—Repapered and repainted interior; repaired cellar steps.
Shissler House No. 8—Repainted, new floor in kitchen and out-shed, new water closet.
Rutt House No. 22—Repairing pump floor and new pump.
“ “ “ 23—Repairing roof.
“ Barn “ 24—Repairs to barn doors.
Witmer House No. 30—Repaired roof.
“ Barn “ 31—Repaired roof.
Shissler Barn No. 9—Repainted exterior.
Ebersole Barn No. 19—Repainted and built concrete driveway and concreted floor of wagon shed.
Sharer House No. 21—Repainted exterior and two rooms inside and repapered three rooms, new cellar steps and doors.
Sewage Disposal Plant No. 49—Repainted exterior woodwork and pipes, tanks and machinery. Coal bin No. 49A—repainted.
House No. 35—Guest House No. 1. Repainted floors and walls. Built storm door.
Barn No. 27—Sheep barn—repaired doors and barn floors.
Poultry House No. 5A }
Piggery No. 5B } —Rebuilt poultry house and painted.
Old Stone House No. 26—New roof, new spouting, new porch, new floors, new chimney, painted inside and outside.
Grand Lodge Hall, Terrace, took up five feet of flags entire length, damp-proofed and lead-flashed entire length, relaid the flags, lowered the outlets so as to permit water to flow away. Changed piping from automatic to hand control in toilet rooms.
Heisey House No. 33—New roof, weather-boarded four sides, new porch and roof, new window frames, new floors in three rooms, new purlines.
Poultry Plant No. 42—Refit up front of house for living rooms, installed toilet, lathed and plastered, ventilators for laying houses, repairing and painting roof.
Poultry Plant—Colony houses Nos. 42A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I. Repainted.
Landis House No. 28—Repainted entire exterior, new spouting. Repainted interior.
Gish House No. 10—Rebuilding foundation wall, porch and steps, and painting at a total cost of \$4796.09.
Shank House No. 1—Repapered, painting of interior, new sash glazing and new sills and floors, new pump trough.

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SCHEDULE K.

DONATIONS TO THE MASONIC HOMES, ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.,
NOVEMBER 15, 1915, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

Name of Donor.		Article.
Lodge No.		
43, Lancaster		Cash, \$30.
" " 156, Quarryville.....		Cash, \$10.
" " 222, Minersville		Cash, \$10.
" " 269, Pittsburgh		Cash, \$40.
" " 286, Columbia		Cash, \$5.
" " 300, Huntingdon		2 pruning saws; 1 pr. ox yokes, value \$4.50; 40 copy books for the children; 2 sets garden tools for girls at No. 2; flower seeds for flower garden at No. 2; 6 books for the girls at Guest House No. 2; 1 book for the library, "The Grape Culturist"; 1 book for the library; 1 6-foot aquarium and complete equip- ment, consisting of 132 gold-fish, fossiliferous rock, etc.; cash, \$5.
" " 302, Mechanicsburg ..		Cash, \$50.
" " 327, Hazleton		Cash, \$85.
" " 398, Marietta		Cash, \$10.
" " 457, Beaver		36 boxes of candy.
" " 476, Lancaster		Cash, \$25.
" " 496, Millersville		Cash, \$10, 300 cigars, and 10 pounds smoking tobacco.
" " 503, Wrightsville		1 54-room bird house.
" " 527, Philadelphia		28 dozen handkerchiefs.
" " 530, Bellevue		Cash, \$5.
" " 551, Mount Joy		Cash, \$20.
" " 587, Manheim		Cash, \$5.
" " 606, Philadelphia		175 boxes of candy; 100 pipes; 100 tobacco pouches; 1 crokinole board for the girls; 1 punching bag for the boys; 1 pool table for the boys at Guest House No. 1; 1 bagatelle table for the girls' Guest House No. 2.
" " 658, Patton		Cash, \$2.
" " 659, Philadelphia		Cash, \$36.
" " 665, Ephrata		Cash, \$10.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
Lodge No. 679, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$100.
“ “ 682, Elizabethtown....	Cash, \$10.
Calvary Church Sisterhood, Pittsburgh	15 dolls for girls at Guest House No. 2.
Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$500.
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Craftsmen's Club, Scranton	1 new upright Hallet & Davis piano, for the girls at Guest House No. 2.
Ladies' Auxiliary, DeMolay Commandery No. 9, K. T., Reading..	Cash, \$5.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., Lancaster	Cash, \$10.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Oriental Commandery No. 61, K. T., Johnstown	1 quilt.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T., Reading.	Cash, \$5.
Lancaster Lodge of Perfection 14°, A. A. S. R., Lancaster	Cash, \$5.
Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. R.	Cash, \$100.
Syria Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh	Cash, \$250.
“ No. 1517 ”	Cash, \$50.
Adler, Dr. Lewis H., Jr., Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia	Cash, \$60.
Alburger, Edward T., Lodge No. 135, Cynwyd	1 wagonette.
Arnold, James H., Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia	2 volumes for the library.
Ault, John W., Lancaster	Cash, \$5.
Baum, William C., Lodge No. 559, DuBois	Cash, \$4.
Beitler, Abraham M., R.W.J.G.W. Lodge No. 449.....	Cash, \$10.
Beitler, Lewis E.	1 volume for library.
Bellows, William H., Lodge No. 444, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Bellows, Mrs. William H., Philadelphia (in memory)	Cash, \$5.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
Belzer, Miss Kathryn E., Philadel- phia	Cash, \$5.
Bernhart, S. B., Lodge No. 551, Mt. Joy	3 decks cards.
Blasser, Mrs. Maria A. (Guest) ...	1 sewing machine; 20 volumes for library; 6 glass vases for cut flowers; 2 glass dishes for cut flowers; 1 jardiniere; 1 taboret, and 4 doilies.
Borland, John W., Lodge No. 603, Uniontown, Pa.	1 dental chair; 1 set of dental in- struments; 1 trunk of clothing.
Brinkman, William A., Lodge No. 43	Cash, \$5.
Braeside Poultry Farm, Strouds- burg	1 English Leghorn Cockerel, value \$1.
Broad Top Coal & Mineral Co., Huntingdon	Cash, \$170.
Brown, Amos, Rohrerstown	1 grafted cherry tree.
Brown, William S., Pittsburgh, Lodge No. 510	2 soccer balls; 2 basket balls; 1 football; 10 baseball gloves; 3 baseballs; 2 doz. pocket knives; 1 pump; 2 souvenir vases.
Buchanan, A. E., Harrisburg	1 volume for library.
Buchanan, James Isaac, P.M. Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh.....	Cash, \$25; 40 Bibles for the chil- dren; 240 copies of a booklet, written by Brother Buchanan's mother; one to be given to each adult guest.
Buck, William N., Chicago.....	Volume fo library.
Caldwell, Adam C., Lodge No. 568.	Cash, \$1.
Chamberlin, John, Lodge No. 385..	Volume for library.
Clark, John T., Lodge No. 221....	Cash, \$5.
"Club Fellow," Pittsburgh	Cash, \$25.
Collingwood, David F., Lodge No. 576	2 suits clothing; 1 pair trousers.
Craver, Myron Beach, Lodge No. 445	Cash, \$1.
Cree, Henry C., Lodge No. 199.....	Cash, \$80.
Cremer, F. E., Hanover.....	2 boxes coleus plants.
Davis, Miss Martha, Lancaster...	Masonic Emblems.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
DeCray, Louis B., Philadelphia..	1 Christmas house for children.
DeHuze, Dallas M., Lodge No. 273.	1 lantern and electric fixtures; 1 screen; 1 signal apparatus for operator; 1,000 lantern slides; 234 volumes for library.
Deist, Adam, P. M., Lodge 295....	1 horse "Barney"—dark bay; 1 gardener's business carriage; 1 set carriage harness; 1 key collar with hames; 1 Bressman saddle and English bridle with surcingle straps; 1 pair canvas leggings; 1 pair mark cross leather leggings; 1 pair traces; 1 one-piece Dutch collar; 1 pair knee-pads; 2 boots; 1 pair hammock ropes; 3 key collar straps; 1 closed bridle; 1 pair quarter straps; 3 overdraw and 1 side-check straps; 2 straps and 2 bits; 1 brass sweat scraper; 2 stable blankets; 1 wool street blanket; 2 laprobes; 1 saddle rack; 1 combination drill press; 2 flue boiler cleaners; 6 wrenches; 1 ratchet screw-driver—3 bits; 1 flagholder; 1 heavy machinist's hammer; 1 halter; 1 vise; 1 string double sleigh bells; 1 set driving harness.
Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg	68 volumes for the library.
Dickinson, Mrs. Helen E. (Guest).	53 volumes for the library; 1 Bohemian vase; 2 table covers; 4 sheets; 3 pillow cases; 2 bolsters for square pillows; 1 Masonic plate.
Dick, William, Board of Education, Philadelphia	131 volumes for the library.
Donaldson, William M., Lodge No. 464	Cash, \$10; 5 packages playing cards.
Dorp, Victor V., Philadelphia... and Dorp, L. J., Camden	2 zone signs for the boulevard.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
Ebersole, Mr. and Mrs. H. E., Mt. Joy	1 palm.
Elliott, B. K., Pittsburgh.....	12 thermometers.
Elliott, Mrs. Ella Zerbey, Pottsville	1 volume for library.
Erdrich, John, Lodge No. 506.....	Cash, \$10.
Frontz, L. H., Williamsport.....	20 toy dogs for the children.
Fink, Frederick W., Lodge No. 636.	2,000 record filing sheets.
Fisher, J. Fred., Lodge No. 43....	300 cigars.
Garver, Arthur, Lodge No. 551...	2 beehives.
Gilbert, Spencer C., Lodge No. 21..	14 packages playing cards.
Goodrich, J. A., Huntingdon	5 volumes for library.
Grammes, L. F., & Sons, Allentown. Compliments of Harry A. Grammes, Lodge No. 561; Charles W. Grammes, Lodge No. 561; J. Frank Grammes, Lodge No. 561	285 Masonic watch fobs for the guests.
Gregg, Elmore E., Lodge No. 530..	Cash, \$10.
Greist, Hon. W. W., Lancaster....	18 volumes for the library; 17 pamphlets.
Grove, Mrs. Elizabeth L. K., Pitts- burgh	1 Angelus; 91 records; 3 books.
Gunsaulis, F. B., Pittsburgh.....	Cash, \$10.
Heisey, Oliver, Elizabethtown....	50 gold-fish.
Henwood, Walter L., Lodge No. 323	6 Victor records.
Heppe, Mrs. Margaret, Newark...	3 filled post-card albums.
Hershey, Andrew H., P. M. Lodge No. 43	Cash, \$47; printing 45,500 Ma- sonic Homes leaflets; 2,000 news- paper slips; 1,000 bill-heads— value, \$229.45.
Hillard, Oliver, Philadelphia.....	11 volumes for the library.
Hitchcock, Fred. L., Lodge No. 291.	1 book for the library.
Hodges, Mrs. Adelaide E. (Guest) .	183 books for the library; 12 pillow cases; 10 sheets; 1 table felt; 6 bedspreads; 1 woolen blanket; 2 cotton blankets, double; 4 roller towels; 4 glass towels; 2 two-yard table cloths.
Hoffman, Benjamin F., Lodge No. 398	2 beehives.
Hoffman Bros., Bainbridge	120 boxes cigars.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
Hoover, Mrs. John C. (Guest)	1 framed engraving of the Lord's Prayer.
Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$30.
Horgan, Mrs. James, Lebanon	55 pounds candy.
Imboden, Samuel H., Elizabethtown	Cash, \$2.
Johnson, Paul D., Collingdale	3 bundles magazines for library.
Keely, Dr. H. P., Lodge No. 310	1 large Phœnix Reclinata palm.
Knauff, Theodore C., Philadelphia . . .	1 filled post-card album.
Knecht, John E., Lodge No. 607, San Francisco	Cash, \$1.
Knight, George F., Lodge No. 59	Cash, \$5.
Koehler, Geo. F., Lodge No. 527	2 pounds candy.
Koenig, Albert, Lodge No. 318	1 bay horse; 2 carriages; 2 sets harness; 1 blanket.
Kopp, E. R., Pittsburgh	Cash, \$26.
Kraus, Otto, Lodge No. 155	36 boxes cough gums.
Krause, James B., R. W. D. G. M., Lodge No. 397	Cash, \$10.
Lancaster County Florists' Assn. . . .	Assortment of flowers.
Lee, David W., Lodge No. 626	Cash, \$5.
Legg, Mrs. John, Philadelphia	1 Red Seal Victor 12-inch record.
Leh, H., & Co., Allentown	3 sets games for boys and girls.
Lehman & Bolton, Philadelphia	425 Motto calendars.
Lilley, M. C., & Co., Columbus, O. . . .	2 storm flags 3½ × 6.
Lindner, J. C., Lodge No. 256	70 pounds smoking tobacco.
Lippincott, Mrs. Thomas C., Philadelphia	1 trunk men's clothing.
Lockard, John L., Mountville	6 select ferns.
Longenecker & Demy, Elizabethtown	1 large sun umbrella.
Lyons, F. J., Philadelphia	2 pieces 30 × 72-inch simonis cloth for bulletin board.
MacLennan, A. H., Lodge No. 464	3 carloads of screenings.
McAbee, G. P., Pittsburgh	500 pounds dynamite.
McAbee, G. R., Powder & Oil Co., Pittsburgh	10 50-pound cases of 40 per cent. ammonia dynamite, 500 pounds.
McAfee, H., Pittsburgh	2 barrels tumblers (36 dozen).
McAfee, James F., Pittsburgh	2 water bottles with stands.
McBryar, William Dana, Lodge No. 526	Cash, \$10.
McCandless, George M., Lodge No. 576	100 books for boys and girls.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
McCandless, George W., P. M. Lodge No. 484	Cash, \$70; 1 bushel white seed potatoes.
McCully, William F., Lodge No. 155	70 volumes for library.
McFarland, J. Horace, Lodge No. 21	24 " " "
McIntyre, Mrs. M. V. B., Philadel- phia	133 " " "
Martindale, Thomas, & Co., Phila- delphia	10 pounds candy.
Mercantile Library, Philadelphia.	250 volumes for library.
Metzel, D. Sterling, Lodge No. 649	2 plants.
Miller, Harry, Lodge No. 682.....	130 palmleaf fans.
Miller, William H., Lodge No. 298.	202 volumes for library.
Moore, Hon. J. Hampton, M. C., Washington, D. C.....	1 sack seeds.
Morgan, John J., Lodge No. 261...	Cash, \$2.
Morrison, Miss A. Lizette, Dun- cannon	Collection of musical selections.
Morss, William R., Lodge No. 249.	Cash, \$5.
Morton, B. F., Hoboken, Pa.	Cash, \$1.
Moser, A. Julius, Lodge No. 453..	Cash, \$4.
Mullin, Mrs. Annie M. (Guest)...	1 clock; 1 vase.
Neff, C. M., Elizabethtown, and H. B. Altenderfer, Philadelphia.	23 tickets for Crescent Club festi- val, to be used for boys and girls.
Page, Benjamin, Lodge No. 679...	Cash, \$10.
Patterson, George M., P. M. Lodge No. 249	1 box chocolate almonds; 1 box pepsin chewing gum.
Patton, Edward W., Lodge No. 543.	Cash, \$10.
Peoples, Hon. Hiram, New Provi- dence, Pa.	10 gold-fish for aquarium.
Phillips, John M., Pittsburgh.....	Boy Scouts Movement literature.
Reese, C. G., Elizabethtown.....	65 Pekin duck eggs.
Reid Tobacco Co., Milton.....	25 pounds hard chewing tobacco
Reynolds, H. P., Merklensburg....	1 pair ox yoke.
Richmond, Mrs. Joseph G., Phila- delphia	2 boxes clothing.
Ricker, A. F., Lodge No. 682.....	1 box pretzels.
Rogers, Richard, T. W. Lodge No. 393	2 gilts (pigs).
Rowen, William, Philadelphia....	Cash, \$5.
Roggenburger, Adolphus, Lodge No. 158	50 books for the children.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
Runkle, Mrs. Lucy M.	2 oil paintings.
Saylor, A. R., Lodge No. 610.....	1 box Saylor's condition tablets; 2 boxes roup remedy.
Schiller, F. A., New York.....	Cash, \$50.
Schock, Henry C., P. M. Lodge No. 551	Cash, \$10; 37 ½-pound boxes of candy; 3 peacocks.
Schultz, Geo. H., Wilkinsburg....	Cash, \$5.
Sell, John S., R. W. S. G. W.	Cash, \$10.
Shower, Charles F., Lodge No. 444.	1 package playing cards.
Singer, Harry H., Lodge No. 665..	40 one-pound boxes of candy.
Smith, Mrs. Mary E. (Guest)	3 paintings; 1 Persian rug.
Smith, Mrs. T. Leaming, Philadel- phia	22 magazines for library.
Smitley, J. H., Pittsburgh.....	150 lbs. candy (½-pound boxes).
Snyder, Paris F., Lititz	1 lemon tree.
Spare, Mrs. Chester M., Phoenix- ville	1 board of games.
Spear, Harry W., Lodge No. 67....	195 volumes and 116 magazines for library.
Startzenbach, H., Atlantic City, N. J.	65 cigars; 10 boxes cigarettes.
Stewart, Allison V Boston, Mass..	2 volumes for library.
Taylor, Howard P., Pittsburgh....	10 men's shirts; 1 lot men's col- lars; 2 pairs men's half hose.
Taylor, William K., Philadelphia.	59 volumes for library; 3 pictures.
Todd, S. C. Harrisburg	6 volumes for library.
Townley, Theodore B., Grand Secretary, Trenton, N. J.....	1 volume for library.
Turner, Mrs. William T., Philadel- phia	2 packages magazines.
Vogler, John G., Lodge No. 230...	Cash, \$2.
Wall & Ochs, Philadelphia.....	Ophthalmological apparatus for refraction for new hospital; 1 small table with drawer for hos- pital.
Walters, William C., Lodge No. 448 (In memory of his father, Chas. A. Walters, Lodge No. 448)	3 volumes for the library.
Wanamaker, John, Lodge No. 400.	1 set Fielding's Works.
Watres, Hon. Louis A., R. W. Grand Master, Lodge No. 323..	100 volumes for the library.
	Cash, \$500, for construction of Grand Lodge Spring House and water connection; cash, \$10, for 4th of July fund.

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Name of Donor.	Article.
Wilbraham, John W., West Cape May, N. J.	Cash, \$10.
Williams, J. Henry, P. G. M., Lodge No. 59	Cash, \$10; 9 volumes for library; 5 oil paintings; 1 package neck- ties.
Wilson, Albert I. Lodge No. 155..	Bed clothing; women's wearing apparel; curtains (2 pairs).
Wisler, Joseph M. (Guest), Lodge No. 302	8 volumes for library.
Wood, Mrs. William A., Philadel- phia	18 volumes for library; 2 boxes magazines for library.
Yale, Arthur W., Lodge No. 606...	30 ½-pound boxes candy.
Zarfoss, J. W., Lodge No. 682....	Cash, \$4.70.

SCHEDULE L.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1915, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1916.

Sale of meals	\$3,599.88	
Rent of sleeping rooms	270.75	
		\$3,870.63
Telephone calls—paid	61.32	
Sale of postal cards	242.85	
Printing, postage and stationery	36.17	
Reading room—sale of papers and magazines.....	17.75	
Sale of cleaning supplies	1.00	
“ “ hospital supplies	55.90	
“ “ food—groceries	4.91	
“ “ “ —meats	108.19	
“ “ “ —vegetables	13.60	
“ “ “ —sundries	6.03	
Entertainment of guests .....	.30	
Clothing guests	36.58	
Sundries guests	12.10	
Burial guests	480.12	
Transportation guests	57.81	
Toilet supplies	2.42	
General expense	33.63	
Bees (honey)	2.65	
Committee expense	1.00	
Furnishings and fixtures Grand Lodge Hall.....	6.50	
“ “ “ Levis Building (refund of freight)	41.41	

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Interest No. 1 Account	\$64.48	
Kitchen sundries10	
Hospital labor (refund for spectacle repairs)	7.50	
Maintaining building furniture and fixtures.....	75.49	
		\$1,369.81
Orchard—sale of fruit	1,550.09	
Sale of vineyard products	31.15	
“ “ garden produce	169.71	
“ “ poultry products	343.90	
“ “ dairy “	194.13	
Beef Cattle—sale of hides.....	31.39	
Sale of potatoes	29.18	
“ “ wheat	1,276.06	
“ “ wood	49.00	
“ “ lumber	26.75	
Kitchen Cattle—sale of hides	196.67	
Maintaining grounds	50.80	
Sale of farm produce .....	.75	
“ “ tobacco	143.31	
“ “ poultry supplies	4.68	
Forestration and Landscape Gardening—sale of trees	59.41	
Sheep—sale of wool	93.12	
Sale of stable feed and supplies .....	.80	
Return of garden labor	15.65	
Rent of building No. 1.....	5.00	
“ “ “ “ 6.....	18.00	
“ “ “ “ 21.....	18.00	
Sale of piggery supplies	1.30	
		4,308.85
Live Stock—Dairy cattle sold.....	\$772.62	
“ “ —Pigs sold	493.11	
“ “ —Poultry sold	599.86	
“ “ —Horses and mules sold	406.50	
“ “ —Sheep sold	75.90	
		2,347.99
Sale of Garage Supplies—gasoline	\$7.52	
Roads, footways and bridges (rent of roller and sale of stone)	203.90	
Power plant operating (electric current furnished P. R. R.) (sale of empty cement bags).....	255.28	
Building No. 10—Grand Lodge Spring House (payment made by Hon. Louis A. Watres, R. W. G. M.)	426.26	

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Water mains—Grand Lodge Spring House (payment made by Hon. Louis A. Watres, R. W. G. M.)	\$73.74	
Electric wires and poles (refund on reels)	14.30	
Garage maintenance	2.00	
Stone crusher (sale of stone)	18.25	
Garage auto (hire of G. M. C. truck)	119.63	
Maintenance power plant machinery31	
Garage labor	2.60	
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		\$1,123.79
Donations		382.70
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		\$13,403.77

SCHEDULE M.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMES.

Administration—Salaries and Wages Grand Lodge Hall:

Superintendent	\$4,500.00	
Bookkeeper and office assistant	1,600.00	
Stenographer	720.00	
Store-keeper	1,200.00	
Night man	600.00	
Day man	600.00	
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		\$9,220.00

Guests:

Burial	\$900.00	
Clothing	2,500.00	
Entertainment	125.00	
Education—tuition	920.00	
Educational supplies	10.00	
Insurance—life, F. J. Gottshall	57.00	
Insurance	15.00	
Reading matter	50.00	
Sundries	300.00	
Transportation	250.00	
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		5,127.00

Insurance—fire and liability	201.91	
Taxes—County, Borough, School, etc.	883.68	
Telephones	268.13	
General Committee expense (miscellaneous)	300.00	
Cleaning supplies	510.00	
Legal expense	25.00	
Postal cards and photographs	400.00	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,147.16	
Toilet supplies	472.50	

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DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Dormitories	\$7,036.53
Dining-room	3,296.94
Kitchen	6,849.07
Hospital	6,544.00
Food supplies	30,000.00
Contingencies	2,500.00
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Total	\$74,781.92

DEPARTMENT OF FARMS.

Including salaries, labor, stables, piggery, sheep, kitchen cattle, dairy, vegetable garden, orchards, poultry plant, landscape gardening, vineyard, bees, horses, etc.	\$30,000.00
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

Power plant general	\$14,461.71
Water system	1,011.65
Addition to water system	2,800.00
Disposal plant	345.00
Saw-mill	270.00
Electric plant	400.00
Laundry	4,081.34
New laundry equipment	2,000.00
Garage	1,845.69
Maintenance buildings, furniture and fixtures.....	2,000.00
Proposed roads and sewer lines	7,300.00
Refrigerating and ice-making equipment.....	4,000.00
Underground passageway from Allegheny County Memorial to Berks Home	750.00
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Total	\$41,265.39

RECAPITULATION.

Department of Homes	\$74,781.92
Department of Farms	30,000.00
Department of Engineering	41,265.39
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Grand Total	\$146,047.31

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The proposed amendment to Article X, Section 5, of the Ahiman Rezon, relative to mileage, which was offered at the Annual Grand Communication held December 27, 1915, was, on motion, postponed until the Quarterly Communication to be held December 5, 1917.

The proposed amendments to Article XXI, Sections 8, 9 and 11, of the Ahiman Rezon, relative to inquiry by one Lodge of another, which was offered at the Annual Grand Communication, held December 27, 1915, was, on motion, withdrawn.

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That there shall be created a fund to be called "The Endowment Fund of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge," which shall be held by five Trustees to be appointed by the R. W. Grand Master and shall not be merged with any existing specified trust.

The Fund shall consist of all bequests, gifts and donations of securities, money or other property, personal and real, that may be donated for these Homes and not otherwise designated by the donor, and the interest only shall be applied for maintenance of the Homes.

Upon the receipt by the Grand Lodge of any money or other property for this Fund, it shall be paid or turned over to the Grand Secretary, who shall pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, who shall pay it at once to the Trustees to be invested only in legal securities, as provided for under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania; collect the interest when due and pay it without delay to the Grand Secretary.

The Trustees, when appointed, shall open a book or books, in which shall be entered the date, name of donor or legator and

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for what purpose it is intended. They shall report the condition of the Fund, receipts and expenditures annually at the December Communication of Grand Lodge, or whenever required by the R. W. Grand Master.

A petition was received for a Warrant, for a new Lodge to be held at Mount Union, Huntingdon County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock, 5 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 27, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . . .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ JOHN E. McCULLY . . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ EDGAR S. NASH . . .	
“ JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
“ JOHN W. CODDING . . .	
“ HOWARD F. MARSH . . .	
“ S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ JOHN S. WALLACE . . .	

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Bro. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH .	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .		
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . .		
“ HOWARD C. FRONTZ . .		
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH .		
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL .		
“ JOHN G. BROAD . . .		
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES		
“ BENJAMIN PAGE . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ J. GRAY BOLTON . . .		
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT .		
“ FRANK B. LYNCH . . .		
“ THOMAS M. JACKSON .		
“ RICHARD MONTGOMERY .		
“ FRANCIS M. TAIT . . .		
“ CHARLES F. BOWER . .		<i>As Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . .		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. WREN . .		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . .		<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . .		<i>As Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and twenty Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock,
5 minutes, A.M.

A copy of proposed By-Laws and copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted its annual report (see Appendix), which was, on motion, referred to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, with power to print.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Library takes pleasure in reporting that during the past year the work of the library has proceeded diligently and that eighteen hundred and two books have been added to the library, bringing our collection of Masonic Books (exclusive of proceedings) to thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-one. These great accessions to our library were, in a large measure, owing to the bequests of our deceased Brothers, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., and FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, both giant figures in Freemasonry, who gave us what it took them years to acquire; and a donation of six hundred and seventy Masonic Books (many of them rare and valuable) collected by Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland. The collection of Brother SHRYOCK is of such importance and interest that the committee felt that it was due to him that it should be kept together in a separate case, and, in order that each book in it shall be properly designated, we have had a special book plate made for this collection, which will hereafter be known as the "Shryock Collection."

The Lodge Notices of the various Pennsylvania Lodges which have accumulated during the past five years have also been bound.

A number of rare volumes of Masonic import have been secured, among which is a copy of Albert Pike's First and Second Lecture on "Masonic Symbolism."

At the end of the present Masonic year we have paid over to the Grand Secretary, from the sale of books and albums previously published, the sum of \$440.52.

In the Museum Department we have been fortunate in securing by gift and purchase no less than 456 numbers.

Chief among these are the bequests of late Brother GEORGE

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W. KENDRICK, JR., 165 numbers; Brother M. RICHARD MUCKLÉ, 25 numbers. Among the donations we will mention the Sword Belt and Miniature of Brother ZACHARY TAYLOR, President of the United States; Ancient Jewels and Relics of Lodge No. 9; Philadelphia, French Regalia presented by Brother JOHN WANAMAKER; Jewels of late Brother RICHARD VAUX by Mrs. Edward S. Buckley; Masonic Certificate by Brother WILLIAM L. BOYDEN, of Washington, D. C.; Masonic Jewels of late Brother WILLIAM C. THOMPSON, of Butler, Pennsylvania, by his widow; collection of Commandery Jewels by Brother A. HOWARD THOMAS; Masonic clothing of late Brother P. G. M. WILLIAM BARGER by his grand-daughter, Elizabeth Gale Clark, also by purchase, 17 Ancient Chapter Tokens; also an original Jewel, "Princess of Jerusalem," of the "Emperors of the East and the West," circa 1758, the founders of what is now known as the Rite of Perfection or the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

One of the most interesting accessions is a water color drawing (enlarged) of a daguerreotype taken of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, November 21, 1853.

The Committee have now in press, "The History of Brother LAFAYETTE'S Fraternal Connections with the R. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania," which is being published by resolution of Grand Lodge September 6, 1916, which will advise the Craft how intimate and close our Grand Lodge was with Brother LAFAYETTE. This, in brief, commences with General LAFAYETTE'S military services at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-1778 and shows August 5, 1784, Brother LAFAYETTE revisited America, upon which day he arrived in New York. August 10, 1784, reached Philadelphia, where he was formally addressed by Brothers A. ST. CLAIR, WILLIAM IRVING and General ANTHONY WAYNE. Then Brother LAFAYETTE proceeded to Mt. Vernon, Virginia, where he presented Brother WASHINGTON with a white satin apron embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the work of his wife, Marquise de Lafayette. This apron was worn by Washington, September 18, 1793, when he laid the corner-stone of

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the Capitol at the Federal city (Washington, D. C.) and is now in the Museum of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. After the death of Washington this Masonic relic was presented by the legatees to the WASHINGTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, who received it October 26, 1816. They in turn presented it July 3, 1829, to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

It bears the following inscription:

“To the

“WASHINGTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

“The Legatees of Gen. Washington, impressed with the most profound Senti/ments of respect for the Institution which they have the honor to address, beg leave to present to them/ the enclosed relic of the reverend and lamented ‘FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY,’ They are persuaded that the apron,/ which was once possessed by the man, whom the Philadelphians always delighted to honor, will be con/-sidered most precious to the Society distinguished by his name, and by the benevolent, and grateful feel/ings to which it owes its foundations. That this perishable memento of a Hero whose Fame / is ‘more durable than Brass’ may confer as much pleasure upon those to whom it is presented, as is / experienced by the Donors.

“October 26th 1816, “Is the sincere wish of the
“LEGATEES.”

August 15, 1824, Brother LAFAYETTE again returned to America, landing in New York with his son, Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON LAFAYETTE, and his secretary, Brother M. LA VASSEUR, reaching Philadelphia Tuesday, September 29th.

October 2, 1824, Brother LAFAYETTE visited the Old Navy Yard, foot of Federal Street, Philadelphia. He then returned to the house of Mrs. Nicholas Biddle, where he was a guest. A committee of the Grand Lodge waited upon him and escorted him to the Masonic Temple, Chestnut Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, to attend an Extra Grand Communication

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and a dinner, at which three hundred of his Brethren entertained him. It was at this Communication the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the following resolution:

“The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania glorying in the honour thus conferred on her by the visit of Brother GILBERT MOTIER DE LAFAYETTE, and anxious to enrol among her members an individual so much distinguished by all the Virtues which enoble the Masonic Character, has Resolved, That all the rights, dignities and privileges of a member of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby conferred on Brother GILBERT MOTIER DE LAFAYETTE.”

It is interesting to note, in this connection, that the Widener Memorial Library at Harvard University possesses a copy of Edward Everett's famous address on the occasion of LAFAYETTE's visit to America in 1824.

Brother LAFAYETTE died in Paris May 20, 1834. On June 24, 1834, his death was announced in Grand Lodge, which adopted appropriate resolutions and

“*Resolved*, That a correct Portrait of our deceased Brother be procured, and placed in a conspicuous part of the Grand Lodge Room and also

“*Resolved*, That Brothers GEORGE M. DALLAS, THOMAS KITTERA, ROBERT TOLAND, CORNELIUS STEVENSON, and JOHN M. READ, be a committee to communicate the Resolutions to the family of Brother General LAFAYETTE.”

Brother GEORGE M. DALLAS, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master delivered an eloquent eulogy upon Brother LAFAYETTE.

On July 21, 1834, commemorative exercises were held in Zion Lutheran Church, southeast corner of Fourth and Cherry Streets, in which the Grand Lodge participated.

Other mementos of Brother LAFAYETTE in the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beside the Washington Apron, are the two relics of Brother LAFAYETTE's visit to Philadelphia in 1824.

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(1) A piece of candle and holder used to illuminate one of the window panes of Independence Hall during the procession, September 28, 1824.

(2) A memorial cotton handkerchief upon which is printed his portrait, scene of his arrival at New York on the ship *Cadmus*, and the memorial arch erected in front of Independence Hall, through which General LAFAYETTE and the procession passed at his reception September 28, 1824.

(3) A large full-length oil portrait of Brother General LAFAYETTE in the upper corridor of our Temple.

(4) A study in oil said to be from life, in the Library.

(5) A copy of Houdon's marble bust of Brother General LAFAYETTE, in the Library.

(6) Two silk badges worn at the funeral procession and commemorative service of Zion Lutheran Church July 21, 1838.

(7) Two engraved French portraits in Washington alcove, in museum.

(8) A number of Lafayette medals in the museum collection.

When General LAFAYETTE visited the United States in 1824, Bishop William White of Pennsylvania was found by him to be one of the few survivors of those with whom he had formed an acquaintance during the War of the Revolution. The recollection of their intercourse at that period, and the Bishop's connection with many public bodies who testified their respect for the General by calls and addresses, brought them very frequently together; which gave the most full opportunities of observing the General's feelings and deportment.

In a letter to his friend Bishop Hobart, then in Europe, Bishop White gives the following statement on the subject, very honourable to LAFAYETTE. The letter is dated the 14th of October, 1824: "There will doubtless appear in the English papers the accounts of the reception of General LAFAYETTE. On no occasion whatever have I witnessed an enthusiasm so universally extended. My relations to many religious, literary and charitable institutions, and added to them, a degree of acquaintance with him nearly half a century ago, have thrown me in the way of seeing much of him during his late visit to

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Philadelphia; and I must do him the justice to testify that he sustained the honours showered on him with a singular moderation and modesty."

After LAFAYETTE's death an eulogium was publicly delivered in Philadelphia by Brother PETER S. DUPONCEAU, of Lodge No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons, and was preceded by religious services performed by Bishop White.

On the succeeding day the following notes passed between the Bishop and Mr. DUPONCEAU, relating a fact deemed by both honourable to the General's character:

"July 22, 1834.

"DEAR SIR:

"At our parting yesterday, I referred to an incident respecting General Lafayette, which seemed not to have come to your knowledge, or to have escaped your recollection.

"There is at this moment, under my eye, the Journal of Congress of Monday, March 24, 1783, in which it is recorded that there was laid before them a letter of February 3d, from the Marquis de Lafayette, announcing a general peace, and a copy of orders given by the Count D'Estaing, vice-admiral of France, to the Chevalier Du Quesne, commander of the Corvette, 'Triumph,' despatched from Cadiz the 6th of February last, for the purpose of putting a stop to all hostilities at sea. The journal goes on to record a resolve of Congress directing the agent of marine, to recall all armed vessels cruising under commissions from the United States. It was well known at the time, that the above despatch was of the procuring of the Marquis.

"The incident has always appeared to me evidence, not only of his Americanism, but of his humanity. For who can tell how many lives, and how much property were saved by so timely a measure?

"At the time of General Lafayette's last visit to this country when there was so many praises of him in our papers, I wondered that nothing was said of the meritorious act now presented. Accordingly I drew up something to the purpose, and caused it to be printed in one of the papers, I think Mr. Poulson's.

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“ Perhaps the information now given is needless; but it has arisen out of the circumstances stated in the beginning.

“ I am, respectfully,

“ Your humble servant,

“ WM. WHITE.”

“ PHILADELPHIA, July 22, 1834.

“ RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

“ I am exceedingly obliged to you for the letter with which you have honoured me this morning. It has brought fresh to my recollection facts which were well known to me at the time, since I was then employed in the department of foreign affairs. I well remember now, the news coming to the department at the time you mention, that is, in the latter part of March, though peace was not proclaimed until the 11th of April, on the receipt of an official letter from Dr. Franklin, conveying the same intelligence. How the fact did not occur to my memory, in preparing the hasty eulogium of Lafayette which I delivered yesterday, I can only account for by my desire of making as short a narrative as possible, and condensing my matter to the utmost. I acknowledge, with you, that the circumstances should have been mentioned; you have presented it in a point of view that had never struck me; and yet which is very important; for nothing can be more certain than that many valuable lives were saved by the timely information received from General LAFAYETTE. It is not astonishing that this fact should have remained strongly impressed upon your mind, constantly employed upon religion and its cognate subjects, philanthropy and humanity.

“ That you may live long to diffuse those sentiments among mankind and to improve us by your precepts and your example, is the constant wish of him who has the honour to be,

“ With the truest respect and veneration,

“ Right reverend and dear sir,

“ Your most obedient, humble servant,

“ PETER S. DU PONCEAU.”

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Bishop White also made an address and a form of prayer at the commemoration of the decease of General LAFAYETTE, which is given in Burd Wilson's Life of Bishop White (page 356). We thought these additional references to Brother LAFAYETTE (collected by Brother BARRATT) would be interesting to the Brethren, and have, therefore, included them in our report.

Our expenditures for the year were as follows:

Salaries	\$4,441.00
Reprint Volumes	859.44
Periodicals	58.50
Binding Periodicals	99.35
Bindings	484.78
New Books	109.56
Antiquities	313.71
Cataloguing	825.00
Stationery and Printing	114.68
Telephoning	79.48
Express	18.65
Postage	50.20
Petty Cash	24.05
Miscellaneous	41.80
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	\$7,520.20
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In conclusion your committee desires to emphasize the fact that our great Masonic Library is for the information and education of our Fraternity, and we are glad to report it is being so regarded and used by the Craft.

It is not only capable of rendering valuable assistance to science and art but those who avail themselves of its fine collection may add to their own pleasure and instruction. As the late Chief Justice Mitchell expressed the thought (Philadelphia Library Co. v. Donohugh, 12 Phila., page 285, 1877):

“The educational influence of great libraries has been recognized by all the civilized people in all ages. They have been the refuge and preservers of knowledge in the darkest times of ignorance and superstition; the source and rallying point of

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awakened interest in philosophy and science, wherever the human mind has aroused itself to a new search for intellectual light; and the glory and pride of nations; in exact proportion as they have attained a higher plane of enlightened and progressive civilization. It is the concurrent and universal opinion of scholars that no single event in recorded history has been so great a misfortune to the interests of pure learning as the destruction of the Alexandrine Library."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN WANAMAKER,

Chairman,

SAMUEL W. LATTA,

HARMAN YERKES,

NORRIS S. BARRATT,

HENRY DARRACH,

WALTER T. TAGGART,

WILLIAM B. BROOMALL,

Committee on Library.

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The Committee on Employment made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master:

The Employment Bureau established under your direction in September, 1916, has received to date 264 applications and has placed 132 of these in positions; they are now earning in the aggregate the sum of \$71,387 per annum. Of the applicants, 8 were widows, 11 orphans; 48 were over 50, 4 over 70, and 1 over 80 years of age; and but for the bureau, many of them might now be dependent upon the bounty of the Craft. One applicant was placed in a position where he is earning at the rate of \$5,000 per annum. Many who apply are physically unable to fill the positions available; others, especially the older men, will not take positions such as night watchmen and janitors, and others because the pay is insufficient.

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The establishment of the bureau has been made known by personal talks to the Lodges and through the medium of letters. The matter being in its nature experimental, your Committee did not feel justified in incurring any large amount of expenditure. Brother JOHN A. BOLARD, P. M., of University Lodge, No. 610, was, with your approval, selected as manager, and under his care the bureau is now established upon a permanent and efficient basis.

The Committee appointed by you has, by reason of the stress of the holiday business and illness of some of its members, been unable to hold a formal meeting and so this report is made upon their behalf by

Fraternally yours,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
Chairman,
CHARLES S. BOWER,
For the Committee.

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ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Board of Almoners, of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, present their Annual Report for 1916, as follows:

Balance from 1915	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$425.00
Appropriation to Class 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,400.00
Appropriation to Class 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,100.00
Appropriation to Class 3	2,100.00
Appropriation to Class 4	2,400.00
Total	<hr/> \$9,425.00

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They have received, and favorably acted upon, 798 applications, representing the following Jurisdictions:

Pennsylvania	740	Virginia	4
Delaware	15	Massachusetts	3
New York	11	South Dakota	2
New Jersey	7	Michigan	1
South Carolina	6	England	2
Illinois	3	Scotland	3
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Total			798
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Amount granted to 798 applicants	\$8,485.00
Balance to 1917	\$940.00

Of this amount, however, there is still due to the Board, balance of Deposit, Tradesmens' Trust Co., \$149.08.

During the year 1916 your Board has lost by death:
Brother GEORGE STELLWAGEN, Past Master Lodge 359.

The work of the Board of Almoners is productive of much good and the Grand Lodge is to be commended for maintaining this charity.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM EISEMAN,
President.

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STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY
FUND.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN :

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund present
the following Report for the year ending December 27, 1916:

Balance cash on hand December 27, 1915	. . . . .	\$64.68
Appropriated to Class No. 1	. . . . .	1,000.00
Appropriated to Class No. 2	800.00
Appropriated to Class No. 3	800.00
Appropriated to Class No. 4	900.00
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		\$3,564.68

The Board of Stewards granted to 120 applicants who were found worthy	2,975.00
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Balance cash on hand December 27, 1916	\$589.68
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The Board has lost by death three of its faithful members,
viz. :

Brother CLARENCE A. STIMPSON, who had served 12 years.

Brother FRANK L. IRWIN, who had served 12 years.

Brother GEORGE L. RAPP, who had served 39 years.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY K. LEECH,
President.

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BURSARS OF THE THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial
Charity Fund made the following report, which
was ordered to be entered and filed:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN :

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund report that during the past year the following amounts have been received and disbursed to the persons entitled to the benefits of the Fund :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1915	\$53.00
Appropriation, 1916, January	3,900.00
	<hr/> \$3,953.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Class No. 1 to 121 applicants	\$968.00
Class No. 2 to 107 applicants	856.00
Class No. 3 to 88 applicants	704.00
Class No. 4 to 95 applicants	760.00
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	\$3,288.00
Balance to 1917	665.00
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	\$3,953.00
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During the last six months the requests have been fewer because some of the Lodges have been more charitable.

The following Bursars have died during the past year :

Brother JOHN MIDDLETON, Lodge No. 2.
Brother ERICK H. PETERSON, Lodge No. 380.
Brother THEODOR L. SCHNEIDER, Lodge No. 359.
Brother JOSEPH BUTLER, Lodge No. 450.

Brother BUTLER was a member from the beginning of the Board and for ten years Secretary of Class No. 4.

Fraternally submitted,

J. PARKER CRITTENDEN,
President of the Board of Bursars.

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The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That before any amendment or alteration of the Ahiman Rezon, or resolution is offered in this Grand Lodge, it shall be first submitted to the Grand Master, in order that nothing may be placed before the Brethren for action, which would violate any of the Landmarks, or deprive any member of the Fraternity of his rights and privileges.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AHIMAN REZON.

The Grand Treasurer offered the following amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, which were laid over for action at the Quarterly Communication to be held in December next:

Amend Article VI, page 9, by adding after the Krug Bequest the following:

“Five Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge.”

Amend Article VIII by adding new section on page 43, to be known as Section 47, as follows:

“Section 47.—The Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Homes of Grand Lodge shall receive and hold in trust all bequests for the Homes not otherwise specifically designated; donations, gifts of money, securities and appropriations from Grand Lodge for this special fund and otherwise conform to the regulations enacted by Grand Lodge for the management of said Fund.

“All investments of the Fund shall be in legal securities as provided for by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, in the name of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge.

“They shall open a book or books and keep a separate account of each bequest, donation of money, securities or other property, real or personal, giving date, name of testator or donor and for what special purpose, if any conditions are named.

“The interest on same shall be paid to the R. W. Grand

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Secretary immediately upon receipt and be applied exclusively for the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge.

“They shall report their proceedings, the condition of this Fund and a full account of each investment at the Communication of Grand Lodge in December, or whenever required by the R. W. Grand Master.

“Nothing in this Section shall be construed as affecting any of the Trust funds now in existence and specifically provided for.”

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY offered the following amendment to the Ahiman Rezon:

Resolved, That Article X, Section 1, Ahiman Rezon, page 17, entitled, “The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived,” Item 6, as follows:

“For each member annually \$2.00, from which one dollar for each member, shall be paid to and applied by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, exclusively for the redemption of the Masonic Home indebtedness; provided that these dues shall continue only until the said Masonic Home indebtedness is paid off, or until the amount in the Sinking Fund equals the amount of said indebtedness, when the dues shall revert to what they were in 1911; provided, also, that said dues shall not be collected for a longer period than six years, viz., for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.”

be amended by striking out of the third line of Item 6; “\$2.00,” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$3.00,” and by striking out, the concluding provision of said Item, viz., “provided, also, that said dues shall not be collected for a longer period than 6 years, viz., for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918,” so that the amended Item shall read as follows:

“Item 6, Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodges, viz.:

“For each initiation \$2.00

“For each member, annually 3.00

“From which \$2.00 for each member shall be paid to and applied by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund exclusively for the redemption of the Masonic Home indebtedness; provided

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that these dues shall continue only until the Masonic Home indebtedness is paid off, or until the amount in the Sinking Fund equals the amount of said indebtedness, when the dues shall revert to what they were in 1911."

Brother MURDOCH KENDRICK offered the following amendment to the Ahiman Rezon:

Amend Article X, Section 1, of the Ahiman Rezon, by adding to the first paragraph:

"7. For each petitioner elected and initiated, the amount to accompany his petition \$20.00."

On motion of Brother MURDOCH KENDRICK the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the amendment above offered and the amendment introduced by Past Grand Master ORLADY, be referred to the Finance Committee and the Committee on The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania for consideration, and that the said Committees be directed to make a joint report with recommendations thereon at the Communication of Grand Lodge held in September next.

The following Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions were pleased to visit Grand Lodge, and were received with the customary honors:

Brother WILLIAM R. MEAKLE, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, accompanied by

Brother WILLIAM M. THOMPSON .	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Brother HERBERT C. RORICK . .	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
Brother WILLIAM F. BURK . . .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Brother CHARLES C. SCOTT . .	R. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Brother ANDREW FOULDS, JR. .	R. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
Brother WILLIAM B. YEREANCE .	R. W. Grand Marshal.
Brother GORDON G. WALTON . .	Secretary to Grand Master.

Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, accompanied by

Brother WILLIAM BOOTH PRICE, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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Brother THOMAS PENNEY, Most Worshipful Grand Master
of Masons in New York, accompanied by

- R. W. WILLIAM H. MILLER Grand Treasurer.
- M. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS Grand Secretary.
- M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY Past Grand Master.
- M. W. GEORGE FREIFELD Past Grand Master.
- R. W. SAM L. SIMON } Grand Sword Bearers.
- R. W. WILLIAM H. CARTER }
- R. W. HAROLD E. LIPPINCOTT Judge Advocate.
- R. W. OSCAR F. R. TREDER }
- R. W. JOHN H. STOCKER }
- R. W. WILLIAM P. HAMILTON, JR.. }
- R. W. WILLIAM H. MCINTYRE }
- R. W. HAROLD C. KNOEPPPEL } District Deputy Grand
- R. W. ARTHUR K. KUHN } Masters.
- R. W. MARCOS S. LAREDO }
- R. W. RALPH W. THOMPSON }
- R. W. ABRAHAM G. MEYER }
- R. W. ABEL CROOK } Commissioners of
- R. W. JOHN A. DUTTON } Appeals.
- R. W. GEORGE CROMWELL }
- R. W. MOSES ALTMANN.
- R. W. WILLIAM B. ADAMS.
- R. W. FRANKLIN BIEN.
- R. W. SAMUEL CROOK.
- R. W. NORMAN W. CHANDLER.
- R. W. AUGUST EICKELBERG.
- R. W. FRANK HERWIG.
- R. W. FRED G. LEMMERMAN.
- R. W. HENRY LIPPMANN.
- R. W. GEORGE T. MONTGOMERY.
- R. W. HERMAN A. METZ.
- R. W. WILLIAM C. PRIME.
- R. W. HUGO TAUSSIG.
- R. W. ALBERT WINTERNITZ.
- R. W. ROBERT H. ROBINSON.
- R. W. GUSTAVUS A. ROGERS.
- R. W. JOHN W. CHERRIE.

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So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 6, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, as relates to the election of Grand Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes, was read.

The following Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing Masonic year, ending on Saint John the Evangelist's Day next, were thrice proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Brother LOUIS A. WATRES,
Right Worshipful Grand Master,

Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE,
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,

Brother JOHN S. SELL,
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,

Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,

Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG,
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer,

Brother JOHN A. PERRY,
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

BRETHREN:

Pursuant to custom, the Grand Master submits the following detailed report of the conduct of his office for the Masonic year closing this day.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments to fill vacancies were made:

Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund:

Brother HARRY C. DAVIS, LaFayette Lodge No. 71.

Brother WILLIAM G. McCLINTOCK, Charles M. Swain Lodge No. 654.

Brother ALBERT E. BURNS, Columbia Lodge No. 91.

Trustee of the Girard Bequest:

Brother EDWARD T. ALBURGER, Roxborough Lodge No. 135.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

Brother J. WARNER HUTCHINS, Columbia Lodge No. 91.

Brother J. WAELDER McMULLEN, Bethlehem Lodge No. 283.

Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

Brother GEORGE H. FRIEDMANN, Humboldt Lodge No. 359.

Brother JOHN G. CLEMENTS, Mozart Lodge No. 436.

Brother THORNTON F. B. SCOTT, Mitchell Lodge No. 296.

Grand Sword Bearer:

Brother JOHN B. PATTERSON, Integrity Lodge No. 187.

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Bursar of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund:

Brother FRANK DELMAR, Humboldt Lodge No. 359.

Trustee of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequest:

Brother FRANCIS L. BORIE, Covenant Lodge No. 456.

Member of the Committee on Printing and Publishing:

Brother THOMAS J. S. NICELY, Olivet Lodge No. 607.

NEW LODGES.

There have been constituted during the year five new Lodges, as follows, making our total number at the close of this Masonic year, five hundred and two:

Brother JOHN S. SELL, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, assisted by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers, on June 23 constituted Lodge No. 684, at Dormont, Allegheny County.

June 24, I constituted Amity Lodge No. 685, at Homestead, Allegheny County.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother CHARLES F. BOWER, assisted by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers, on September 22, constituted Robert R. Bringham Lodge No. 686, at Philadelphia.

On September 30, I constituted Wilkinsburg Lodge No. 683, at Wilkinsburg, Allegheny County, and on

October 6, Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Luzerne County.

The following Dispensations have been granted:

SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

To fill vacancies caused by death.

February 4. Dallas Lodge No. 508, Pittsburgh. Special election for Secretary.

February 12. Lodge No. 22, Sunbury. Special election for Secretary.

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February 24. Humboldt Lodge No. 359, Philadelphia. Special election for Treasurer.

February 25. Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, Burgettstown. Special election for Secretary.

March 7. Bethlehem Lodge No. 283, Bethlehem. Special election for Treasurer.

April 17. Sunset Lodge No. 623, Washington. Special election for Treasurer.

May 11. Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg. Special election for Treasurer.

June 12. Industry Lodge No. 131, Philadelphia. Special election for Secretary.

October 10. Washington Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia. Special election for Senior Warden.

To fill vacancies caused by removal from the Jurisdiction.

May 2. Galeton Lodge No. 602, Galeton. Special election for Junior Warden.

May 13. Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brookville. Special election for Secretary.

To fill vacancy caused by former election—held December 3, 1915—Having been declared null and void.

January 10. Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia. Special election for Junior Warden.

On March 8, Keystone Lodge No. 271, Philadelphia, was permitted to give Masonic burial to our late Brother, HARRY CADWALLADER. Brother CADWALLADER, who had previously withdrawn from his Lodge, had again petitioned for membership. Pending action upon the petition, his demise occurred, and there appearing to be no objection to favorable action upon the petition, circumstances seemed to warrant the issuing of a dispensation.

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CORNER-STONES.

It is gratifying to note what seems to be a growing disposition everywhere to have the corner-stones of public buildings laid by our Fraternity.

The Craft has been honored during the year by invitations from the United States government, municipalities and school boards to render such service. This work, when impressively done, reflects great credit upon our Fraternity, and is appreciated by the community in which the ceremony is conducted.

During the year the following corner-stones have been laid:

June 12. Masonic Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County.

July 4. High school building, Hyndman, Bedford County.

July 22. Masonic Temple, Wilkesburg, Allegheny County.

Aug. 19. Public school building, Green Tree, Allegheny County.

Sept. 4. Allegheny County Memorial, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Lancaster County.

Oct. 7. Municipal building, Tyrone, Blair County.

Nov. 17. High school building, Lebanon, Lebanon County.

Dec. 9. Federal Post Office Building, Pottstown, Montgomery County.

DEDICATION.

January 21. Assisted by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers, I dedicated the building of Wayne Lodge No. 581, at Wayne, Delaware County.

EDICTS.

Edicts have been issued respecting material that stands rejected in this Jurisdiction, as follows:

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Elmer Ellsworth Davis, who had been made a Mason in Ohio and who was rejected in Chartiers Lodge No. 297, held at Canonsburg, Washington County.

Robert Felty, who was made a Mason in Ohio and who was rejected in King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, held at Connellsville, Fayette County.

William J. Carson, who was made a Mason in Georgia and who was rejected in Zeradatha Lodge No. 448, held at Sharpsburg, Allegheny County.

John Willard Way, who was made a Mason in Georgia and who stands rejected in Noble Lodge No. 480, held at Curwensville, Clearfield County.

The following edicts have been issued respecting the unlawful action of Lodges:

The action of Lodge No. 9, in initiating R. F. G., who stands rejected in Chandler Lodge No. 227, was set aside. The circumstances made it clear that R. F. G. had procured membership by deceit and misrepresentation. Nothing short of an edict would have been proper in this case.

The Worshipful Master of William B. Schnider Lodge No. 419 was directed to strike from the roll of members of his Lodge, the name of G. F. K., who was initiated in said Lodge February 8, 1916. The reason for such action was based upon the fact that it was clearly shown that G. F. K. was not under the tongue of good Masonic report.

HARRY ROBINSON applied for membership in Friendship Lodge No. 400.

The Committee examining his case reported that he was physically disqualified by reason of the partial loss of one of his fingers. Several years thereafter, Brother ROBINSON moved to Canada. After having lived in Canada some five years, he was made a Mason in Victoria Lodge No. 474. Later, his business called him to our Jurisdiction, and he made application for membership therein. The records in

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the office of the Grand Secretary, showing that he was physically disqualified as above stated, were brought to my attention. Ordinarily, an edict would have been proper. However, after a thorough and exhaustive investigation of all the circumstances connected with the case, I became entirely convinced that Brother ROBINSON was innocent of attempting imposition upon the Craft, and I therefore declined to issue an edict, and I also healed the records in his case in the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Brother EUGENE MORRISON CAMP was made a Mason in Huntington Lodge No. 53, West Virginia. He had previously been rejected in Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526 by reason of physical disqualification. I declined to issue an edict for the reason set forth in the following letter to the Grand Secretary under date of July 27, 1916:

“In any case in which a petitioner has been reported physically disqualified by a Committee of Inquiry, or has been rejected by a ballot, or by an unfavorable report, he should be so notified, and it is a default, no doubt, upon the part of the Secretary of the respective Lodges when this is not done. If such petitioner thereafter shall have petitioned for membership in a Lodge in another Jurisdiction and shall be approved and receive his degrees, if it shall appear to the Grand Master that there was no intention upon the part of said petitioner to mislead or to deceive, and if it shall further appear that he had no notice of such reported disqualification, or rejection, the Grand Master may heal the record.

“The information placed before me in the case of EUGENE MORRISON CAMP, now a member of Huntington Lodge No. 53, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Virginia, who stands rejected in our Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, by reason of physical disqualification, comes within this ruling, and you are hereby advised that the physical disqualification reported to you under date of May 17, 1905, against the said EUGENE MORRISON CAMP, no longer exists.”

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The following petitions for initiation and membership were declared null and void.

For the reason that petitioner was not a resident of the Jurisdiction:

Albert Sandt Yohe, Prosperity Lodge No. 567.
Robert L. Severson, Great Bend Lodge No. 338.
Samuel Wesley Butler, Union Lodge No. 121.
Jesse C. Eichhorn, Olivet Lodge No. 607.
Elmer Paul Jones, Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661.
George Richman Merrill, Eastern Star Lodge No. 186.
Frederick John Renner, Pennsylvania Lodge No. 380.
Frank McClure Buchanan, Potter Lodge No. 441.
William Paul Smith, Philadelphia Lodge No. 72.
Thomas Seal Dennison, Kennet Lodge No. 475.
Louis Levin, LaFayette Lodge No. 71.
William R. Canning, Perkins Lodge No. 402.
Harry Gottlieb, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155.
Earle Albert Butts, Dallas Lodge No. 508.
Reuben Perry Levick, Lodge No. 3.
Charles J. Richter, Lodge No. 3.
Harry Blitzstein, Equity Lodge No. 591.
Emanuel Arthur Shur, Equity Lodge No. 591.
George S. Farnsworth, Vaux Lodge No. 393.
Alpheus Breneman MacCracken, Radiant Star Lodge No. 606.

Frederick Albert Oberg, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155.

For the reason that the petitioner had not purged himself in his rejecting Lodge:

Harvey Black Work, Lodge No. 43. Rejected in West Virginia Jurisdiction.

Joseph Myshrall, Lodge No. 608. Rejected in Maine Jurisdiction.

Thomas Greenough, Lucius H. Scott Lodge No. 352. Rejected in New York Jurisdiction.

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Reuben Amos Ellis, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449. Rejected in Maine Jurisdiction.

John Godfrey Carlisle, Charles M. Swain Lodge No. 654. Rejected in New Jersey Jurisdiction.

Guy Morrison Kennedy, Robert R. Bringham Lodge No. 686. Rejected in Kansas Jurisdiction.

For the reason that the petitioner had not resided in this Jurisdiction for the period of one Year:

Ernest William Tallman, Mozart Lodge No. 436.

Benjamin Franklin Richards, St. Alban Lodge No. 529.

Ralph Taylor Blandford, Beaver Valley Lodge No. 478.

Frank J. Bell, Jr., Robert R. Bringham Lodge No. 686.

Raymond Edward Eggleston, Robert R. Bringham Lodge No. 686.

For other reasons:

Decatur Shultz, whose petition was presented to Michael Arnold Lodge No. 636, for the reason that the second recommender did not know and had not visited the petitioner.

James Harris Culbertson, whose petition was presented to Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, for the reason that inquiry should have first been made of Cromwell Lodge No. 572, nearest to which he resided.

Robert Nill, whose petition was presented to Braddock's Field Lodge No. 510, for the reason that he refused to renounce his allegiance to a clandestine Lodge of which he is a member.

Walter F. Howell, whose petition was presented to Wilcox Lodge No. 571, for the reason that his petition was written in lead pencil.

L. Clarence Barnet, whose petition was presented to Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486, for the reason that one of the Committee of Inquiry appointed by the Worshipful Master refused to meet the applicant, to meet with the other two members of

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the Committee, or to sign a report either adverse or favorable. The Worshipful Master having appointed another Brother on the Committee in place of the Brother refusing to act, the Committee retired from the Lodge-room immediately after appointment, and shortly returned to the Lodge and handed in a favorable report. The Lodge then proceeded to act upon the petition, and the petitioner was approved. This action was irregular. It was directed that the petitioner's name, age, occupation and residence be printed in the notice of the Stated Meeting of the Lodge to be held in May, and that a ballot then should be had upon the petition.

I healed the unlawful action of John M. Read Lodge No. 536, in initiating JOSEPH NORBIT WESTIN, without proper inquiry having been made of the Grand Secretary, because of a serious error in the original petition for membership.

The action of Woodbury Lodge No. 539, in accepting the resignation of the Senior Warden, was set aside.

DECISIONS.

The change of place of meeting of Washington Lodge No. 164, and Sunset Lodge No. 623, to the New Masonic Temple, in Washington, was approved.

A request was made for permission to deliver before a Lodge an address on the subject of "Preparedness." Although Masons in every community should be active in all questions of the day which affect the welfare of the state and nation, yet in view of the difficulty of drawing the line between this subject and many subjects of a similar character, and in view of the further fact that no question of a political or semi-political nature should be discussed in a Lodge, the request was refused.

A number of requests were made to allow lists of names and addresses of members of Lodges to be furnished for various purposes. In each instance the request was declined,

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upon the ground that such a practice might bring great annoyance and embarrassment to the Craft.

Permission was granted to enclose with Lodge notices, matters referring to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Permission was granted to Cassia Lodge No. 273 to meet in the rooms of Wayne Lodge No. 581, although the meeting place was outside of the limits of the warrant of Cassia Lodge, while alterations were being made in Cassia Lodge Hall.

It was decided that in cases of emergency, subject to the approval of the District Deputy Grand Master, a Lodge may act under a dispensation to Pass to the Chair, to Pass and Raise or to Raise, at any meeting of the Lodge.

Prior to 1914 it was the rule that a petitioner rejected in another Jurisdiction might apply to any Lodge in this Jurisdiction after having established a residence of one year, the fact of such rejection, however, being stated by the petitioner in his petition. The Secretary of the Lodge was then to notify the Grand Secretary of the facts contained in the petition and the Grand Master, being thus informed, was to make the proper inquiry of the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction in which the rejecting Lodge was situated, as to whether such objection still existed. In 1914 it was decided by the then Grand Master that one who desired to petition a Lodge in this Jurisdiction after having been rejected in a Lodge in another Jurisdiction, must first purge himself before he might petition us. (See Dec. No. 398.) The decision referred to seems to put upon the petitioner an almost impossible requirement, and in many cases might prevent very good material from applying for membership. I have therefore reversed the decision, thus placing the status of a petitioner in a case like that referred to as it was prior to 1914.

In view of the erroneous impression which seems to prevail among the Brethren as to whether or not postal cards or advertisements in a newspaper may be used to convey notices of funerals, it is observed that Decision No. 466, on

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page 93, of our Digest, which provides that "Notices of Lodge meetings must not be sent on postal cards or advertised in a newspaper," does not apply to funerals. The decision refers only to notices of Lodge meetings. While there is no intention to permit other notices than those relating to funerals to be advertised in a newspaper, for reasons which are too obvious to mention, it should be, and it is permissible to so advertise.

I declined to permit a Lodge to wear Masonic clothing in a parade. No dispensation is necessary to authorize a Masonic Lodge to wear Masonic clothing when making a visitation to another Lodge, but such clothing must not be worn while going to and from a Lodge, outside of the temple or hall in which such Lodge meets.

The following Visitations were made:

January 29. Accompanied by the elective Grand Lodge Officers, and District Deputy Grand Master Brother ADOLPH EICHHOLZ, I attended the 50th Anniversary of Humboldt Lodge No. 359, at Philadelphia.

April 19. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at Trenton, New Jersey.

May 3. Accompanied by Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN A. PERRY, District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers CHARLES F. BOWER and THOMAS F. WELLS, and Brothers THOMAS R. PATTON and GEORGE F. KNIGHT, I attended the 135th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York.

May 5. Grand Visitation to Union Lodge No. 291, at Scranton.

October 9. Grand Visitation to Pittsburgh Lodge No. 464, at Pittsburgh.

October 9. Grand Visitation to Oakland Lodge No. 535, at Pittsburgh.

October 16. Grand Visitation to Tyrone Lodge No. 494, at Tyrone.

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October 17. Grand Visitation to Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, at Greensburg.

October 18. Grand Visitation to Johnstown Lodge No. 538, at Johnstown.

October 18. Grand Visitation to Cambria Lodge No. 278, at Johnstown.

The following Visitations were also made:

March 23. I attended a joint meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, and Harrisburg Lodge No. 629, at Harrisburg.

April 6. Oriental Lodge No. 385, at Philadelphia.

April 12. Stichter Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown, at the celebration of its 65th Anniversary.

April 28. Brooklyn Lodge No. 288, Jurisdiction of New York, upon which occasion Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother GEORGE FREIFELD, and several of the Grand Officers of that Jurisdiction, were present.

May 2. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE, accompanied by District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers S. CARBON WOLFE and FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES, attended the 100th Anniversary of Charity Lodge No. 144, at Lewisburg, which I was unable to attend.

May 15. Factoryville Lodge No. 341, at Factoryville.

May 31. Teutonia Lodge No. 367, at Reading.

June 14. Olivet Lodge No. 607, at Philadelphia, at the celebration of its 21st Anniversary.

October 27. Owing to a previous engagement I was unable to accept the invitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey, Brother WILLIAM R. MEAKLE, to be his guest upon the occasion of the observance of "Southwick Night" by Trenton Lodge No. 5, Trenton, New Jersey, and Covenant Lodge No. 456, Philadelphia. Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, accompanied by several of the Grand Lodge Officers, was present.

November 14. Cowanesque Lodge No. 351, at Knoxville,

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at which meeting representatives from Osceola Lodge No. 421, Elkland, and Westfield Lodge No. 477, Westfield, were present.

November 16. Ossea Lodge No. 317, at Wellsboro, at which representatives from Tioga Lodge No. 373, Tioga, and Friendship Lodge No. 247, Mansfield, and Bloss Lodge No. 350, of Blossburg, were present.

November 24. George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, at the celebration of its 100th Anniversary.

November 21. Lodge No. 3, at Philadelphia.

November 29. Huguenot Lodge No. 377, at Kutztown, upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

December 5. Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, at Philadelphia.

December 5. Athelstan Lodge No. 482, at Philadelphia.

December 5. Pennsylvania Lodge No. 380, at Philadelphia.

December 5. Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 487, at Philadelphia.

December 19. Crawford Lodge No. 234, at Meadville, at which meeting representatives from Western Crawford Lodge No. 258, Conneautville, Oil Creek Lodge No. 303, Titusville, Spartan Lodge No. 372, Spartansburg, Lodge No. 408, Meadville, Shepherd Lodge No. 463, Titusville, Covenant Lodge No. 473, Cambridge Springs, and Pine Lodge No. 498, Linesville, were present.

CIRCULAR LETTERS.

My attention was called to the fact that Worshipful Masters of Lodges were admitting to banquets given by authority of the Lodge, petitioners for initiation and membership who had been approved, but not yet initiated. This is contrary to decisions made by former Grand Masters (see Decisions Nos. 87, 88 and 89). I therefore issued a circular letter to all the Lodges enjoining a strict compliance with these decisions.

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The following circular letter, also issued to all the Lodges, is self-explanatory :

“ In view of the fact that many Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction are expending such large, and in many instances excessive, sums of money for refreshments, and in order that expenditures along these lines shall be kept within reasonable limits, it is important that the Grand Master shall be fully advised regarding such expenses. You are therefore directed to send to this office immediately after the audit of the accounts of the Lodge for the year 1916, a copy of the report of your Auditing Committee, which report shall include receipts under the various heads, and expenses of the Lodge, amounts paid for charity, banquets, cigars, number of banquets held during the year, cost of each banquet, the number present who are members of the Lodge and the number present who are visitors. This report shall be sent to the Grand Master not later than February 1, 1917.”

MASONIC HOMES.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Homes is complete as to details and its perusal is earnestly commended.

Berks Home.

On July 26, the Berks Home, so generously provided by the Brethren of Berks County, was transferred to Grand Lodge. The ceremonies attending the transfer were impressively conducted in the presence of a large number of Brethren and visitors. The building, now completely furnished and equipped, reflects great credit upon the fraternal spirit of the Brethren of Berks County.

Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial.

On October 14, the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial, a hospital fully equipped in every detail, which was provided by the generous Brethren of Philadelphia, was presented by

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Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, representing the Master Masons of Philadelphia, to Grand Lodge. The occasion was a memorable one. The hospital is now occupied by those of our guests requiring hospital treatment, and they are here receiving kindly ministrations and sympathetic attention.

In addition to the report of the Committee on Masonic Homes above referred to, it is proper to outline the policy of Grand Lodge in reference to the construction of additional cottages at Elizabethtown.

Grand Lodge fully appreciates the fraternal spirit which gave us the John Henry Daman Cottage, the Paul L. Levis Cottage, the Berks Home, and the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital, all of which have been completed and are now occupied. It also applauds the enthusiasm and zeal with which the Brethren of Dauphin, Lancaster, and Allegheny Counties have tendered in the aggregate five additional cottages, which the Committee has agreed to accept.

As was so well said by the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden on December 6, the growth of our community at Elizabethtown has been phenomenal. No one dreamed that there were so many in our Jurisdiction who needed fraternal assistance. The cottages thus far completed and equipped are not sufficient to accommodate those who have applied, and the Dauphin, Lancaster and Allegheny Cottages are necessary. However, it is the opinion of the Committee on Homes, that when these buildings shall be completed, Grand Lodge should not erect any additional cottages until it shall be clearly seen that the maintenance and support thereof may be properly provided for.

The generosity which has been shown by Grand Lodge and the Brethren who have made possible the comfort and the care which is bestowed upon our guests at Elizabethtown, is a wonderful manifestation of brotherly love.

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It is gratifying to believe that every reflective member of the Craft is in complete harmony with Grand Lodge and its Committee on Homes, in giving those who need our aid, an environment which is in keeping with our wealth, our dignity, and our fraternal spirit. When one entertains guests, he gives them the best he can afford. Grand Lodge could not afford to do less than it is doing for those who need our care.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The efficiency of this department is well attested by the fact that since the first of October, employment has been secured for Master Masons, the earning capacity of whom amounts, in the aggregate, to over seventy thousand dollars a year.

LIBRARY.

By reason of the broad management of the Committee on Library and the practical supervision of Brother JULIUS F. SACHSE, the library is constantly adding to its stores and making more available to the Craft its valuable collections.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

It is gratifying to note that the several Schools of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction have done most excellent work. The unselfish labor of the instructors and officers of the schools, as well as of those who attend them, has made Grand Lodge their debtor.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It is a pleasure to say that the efficiency and faithfulness of the sixty-one District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the Jurisdiction have lightened the burden of the Grand Master in the performance of the various duties relating to the administration of his office. Too full recognition cannot be given to these loyal servants of Grand Lodge.

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OUR RAPID GROWTH.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that during the Masonic year just closed, there have been admitted into our Jurisdiction by initiation over 8000 members. This is over twenty a day, counting every day including Sundays and holidays. Taking into account that many of the smaller Lodges in the outlying districts initiate very few new members, there is left a very large average for some of the larger city Lodges. One Lodge in particular received petitions during the year from one hundred and twenty-three persons. This is over twelve a month.

It is earnestly suggested that such rapid growth is both abnormal and unhealthy. It is unthinkable that any Lodge can fully impress upon twelve candidates in one calendar month the deep lessons and the beauties of Freemasonry. Such rapid growth is a crime against the Craft and should not be permitted.

The idea entertained by some Masters, that the success of their administration depends upon the number received in the Lodge, is not only erroneous but is against the best interest of their Lodge and of the Fraternity. The question is one not of quantity but of quality.

When a Lodge receives an abnormal number of petitions, as has been the case in some of our Lodges, it is very suggestive of undue solicitation.

No Lodge should in the coming Masonic year receive over fifty petitions for initiation and membership.

CONCLUSION.

In its majestic sweep of one hundred and thirty-two years Grand Lodge has carried aloft its banner, upon which are emblazoned liberty, justice, equality, the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man.

How sacredly it has kept its trust is well attested by its existence under circumstances so worthy of note.

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The development of Freemasonry, not only in our Jurisdiction, but throughout the world, has been phenomenal. Materially speaking, it would be difficult to enumerate its wonderful growth in dollars or in membership. Without suggesting that its spiritual development has not been proportionately great, it is true to say that, Masonry to-day pre-eminently needs a larger and better spiritual development, a growth that shall be along higher and better and more spiritual lines.

It is well occasionally that we should get back to fundamentals, and it is most appropriate that we should be fully mindful of the real source of our greatness.

It is not enough that we should be proud of our material greatness. It is the reach, the influence and the usefulness of Freemasonry that should more strongly appeal to us. We should look through the tools of our profession to the things those implements stand for. The white leathern apron by itself is useless and meaningless, but when we look through it to the things it stands for, it is uplifting and ennobling.

If Freemasonry has been a force in the world, if it has moulded governments, wrought righteousness, builded character, and made men more diligent, prudent, temperate and discreet, if it has brought harmony and beauty and equilibrium into men's lives; if it has done all these things—and it has, and more—it is not because of any power in and of itself, separate and apart from its fountainhead, and its fountainhead is the Book of the Law. It is because of the recognition of this truth that Freemasonry has withstood the shock of Empires and the assault of centuries.

Our ancient charges long ago proclaimed that the Holy Bible will guide us in the path of truth, direct us to the temple of happiness, and point out to us the whole duty of man.

But the Book of the Law is not a fetish. Whether it lies

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open on the altar at Isaiah, Jeremiah, Genesis, or Exodus twenty, it is futile and of none effect, unless we absorb its lessons and live its life. To refuse or neglect its study would make us the losers, and would put in jeopardy both our beloved Fraternity and our country. Upon it are based our ancient charges, so full of helpfulness and significance. Therefore it is that Freemasons study both the Bible and our ancient charges, for after all, Freemasonry is an intellectual outlook, a standard of truth, a gospel of light—a light that uplifts.

At this holy season it is in the hearts of all of us, that that outlook, that standard and that gospel include pre-eminently the spirit of helpfulness.

Never since the world began was the solidarity of the race so emphasized; never since the morning stars sang together was it more clearly seen that man is his brother's keeper; never in all the centuries was the opportunity to lend a hand so eagerly sought; never in all history has there been such need for material help, never such dire distress. On the other hand, never has there been such power to assist nor such willingness to comfort. This spirit of helpfulness is the "immediate jewel of our Souls" and should be kept bright and shining.

So long as there shall be weak hands to uphold and trembling knees to strengthen, and until that happy day shall come when men and women everywhere shall be strong and self-reliant, so long will the spirit of helpfulness, exemplified, make life better and sweeter and holier.

In this, as in other ways, Freemasons should continue as our ancient charges direct, "by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of our Institution; so that when any one is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows; to whom distress may always

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prefer its suit; whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence,"—so that the tenets of our profession may be better transmitted, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

NECROLOGY.

Eleven members of Grand Lodge, who have served faithfully and well, have passed away during the year, and we are called upon to mourn their loss.

Brother EDWARD PERRY, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, Trustee of the Girard Bequest.

Brother CLARENCE A. STIMPSON, LaFayette Lodge No. 71, Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Brother THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM, Lodge No. 51, Trustee of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Washington Lodge No. 59.

Brother GEORGE STELLWAGEN, Humboldt Lodge No. 359, Almoner of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Brother THEODORE L. SCHNEIDER, Humboldt Lodge No. 359, Bursar of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.

Brother STOCKTON BATES, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, Trustee of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Brother FRANCIS J. CALLAHAN, St. John's Lodge No. 115, Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Brother GEORGE L. RAPP, Columbia Lodge No. 91, Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Brother SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD, Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Trustee of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests.

Brother JOSEPH BUTLER, Stephen Girard Lodge No. 450, Bursar of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.

APPOINTMENTS.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES announced the appointment of the following Brethren for the ensuing Masonic year:

Grand Chaplains:

JAMES W. ROBINS.....	Lodge No. 121
CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD	Lodge No. 221
J. GRAY BOLTON	Lodge No. 59
GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS	Lodge No. 219
WILLIAM B. CHALFANT	Lodge No. 236
FRANK B. LYNCH	Lodge No. 528
THOMAS M. JACKSON	Lodge No. 126
ROBERT HUNTER	Lodge No. 59
JOSEPH W. MILES	Lodge No. 513
JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF	Lodge No. 246
RICHARD MONTGOMERY	Lodge No. 289
MAITLAND ALEXANDER	Lodge No. 576
A. LAWRENCE MILLER	Lodge No. 294
GEORGE W. WELLBURN	Lodge No. 291
FRANCIS M. TAIT	Lodge No. 352
ETHELBERT TALBOT	Lodge No. 648

Senior Grand Deacon:

THOMAS H. FENTON	Lodge No. 51
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Junior Grand Deacon:

JOHN F. LAEDLEIN	Lodge No. 106
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Grand Stewards:

WILLIAM H. WREN	Lodge No. 203
HORACE E. CAMPBELL	Lodge No. 585

Grand Marshal:

GEORGE M. McCANDLESS	Lodge No. 576
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Grand Sword Bearer:

JOHN B. PATTERSON	Lodge No. 187
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Grand Pursuivant:

FRANK G. HARTMAN	Lodge No. 476
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Grand Tyler:

WILLIAM B. JOSLYN	Lodge No. 274
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GEORGE F. KNIGHTLodge No. 59

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

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Trustees of the Girard Bequest:

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Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest:

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WILLIAM W. ALLEN	Lodge No. 121

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(As designated by resolution of Grand Lodge, December
27, 1907.)

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GEORGE B. ORLADY, R. W. P. G. M.....	Lodge No. 300
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EDWARD W. PATTON	Lodge No. 543
GEORGE W. MCCANDLESS	Lodge No. 484
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WILLIAM D. ASNIPLodge No. 519

WILLIAM P. KAMMERERLodge No. 91

WILLIS B. HEIDINGERLodge No. 135

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THOMAS J. S. NICELYLodge No. 607

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Committee on Temple:

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CHARLES F. BOWER	Lodge No. 134
J. LEE PATTON	Lodge No. 444
JOHN D. CASSELL	Lodge No. 419
JOHN W. EMSLEY	Lodge No. 9

Committee on Library:

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SAMUEL W. LATTA	Lodge No. 631
HARMAN YERKES	Lodge No. 245
NORRIS S. BARRATT	Lodge No. 2
HENRY DARRACH	Lodge No. 51
WALTER T. TAGGART	Lodge No. 610
WILLIAM B. BROOMALL	Lodge No. 236

Committee on Masonic Homes:

(As designated by the Ahiman Rezon.)

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Lodge No. 323

The Deputy Grand Master,

JAMES B. KRAUSE

Lodge No. 397

The Senior Grand Warden,

JOHN S. SELL

Lodge No. 518

The Junior Grand Warden,

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER :....

Lodge No. 449

(Elected By Grand Lodge, December 6, 1916.)

GEORGE B. ORLADY,

R. W. P. G. M.

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Lodge No. 543

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Lodge No. 464

ANDREW H. HERSHEY

Lodge No. 43

HENRY C. SCHOCK

Lodge No. 551

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District Deputy Grand Masters:

- A—JAMES E. LORD (Lodge No. 135),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 59, 81, 121, 135, 246, 296, 368,
453, 491, 493 and 609 in Philadelphia.
- B—CARL A. SUNDSTROM (Lodge No. 444),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 71, 114, 155, 444,
450, 527, 543, and 605 in Philadelphia.
- C—SAMUEL A. BOYLE (Lodge No. 126),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 3, 67, 91, 126, 186, 385, 393,
419, 470 and 606 in Philadelphia.
- D—THOMAS BIDDLE ELLIS (Lodge No. 158),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 19, 52, 130, 158, 187, 380,
624, 654, 661 and 671 in Philadelphia.
- E—ADOLPH EICHHOLZ (Lodge No. 359),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 51, 115, 125, 271, 359, 386,
402, 482, 519 and 607 in Philadelphia.
- F—DUDLEY T. LIMERICK (Lodge No. 134),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 134, 211, 230, 369, 432, 481,
487, 500, 528, 591 and 686 in Philadelphia.
- G—SAMUEL J. BREDIN (Lodge No. 289),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 131, 274, 289, 436, 449, 529,
600, 636, 645 and 659 in Philadelphia.
- H—JOHN E. McCULLY (Lodge No. 72),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 72, 292, 295, 384, 441, 456,
506, 610, 631 and 646 in Philadelphia.
- 1—THADDEUS G. HELM (Lodge No. 43),
of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.
- 2—WILLIAM S. SNYDER (Lodge No. 464),
of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.
- 3—SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR (Lodge No. 197),
of Carlisle, for the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin and
Fulton, except Lodge No. 586.
- 4—GEORGE H. SHIRK (Lodge No. 348),
of Hanover, for Lodges Nos. 336 and 465 in Adams County,
Lodges Nos. 348 and 423 in York County, and Lodge No. 586
in Franklin County.

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- 5—CHARLES A. SULLIVAN (Lodge No. 383),
of Coatesville, for Lodges Nos. 309, 322, 340, 343, 383, 405,
564 and 569 in Chester County.
- 6—THADDEUS S. ADLE (Lodge No. 190),
of Norristown, for Lodges Nos. 190, 273, 310, 420, 558 and
620 in Montgomery County and Lodge No. 581 in Delaware
County.
- 7—JENKIN HILL (Lodge No. 435),
of Reading, for the County of Berks.
- 8—EDGAR S. NASH (Lodge No. 400),
of Wyncote, for the County of Bucks (except Lodge No. 567),
and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410 in Montgomery County.
- 9—JOSEPH F. ANDREWS (Lodge No. 152),
of Easton, for Lodges Nos. 152, 283, 396, 563, 637 and 648
in Northampton County and Lodge No. 567 in Bucks County.
- 10—MILTON P. SCHANTZ (Lodge No. 333),
of Allentown, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, except
Lodges Nos. 242, 621 and 677 in Carbon County.
- 11—WILLIAM S. PUGH (Lodge No. 216),
of Pottsville, for the County of Schuylkill and Lodge No. 677
in Carbon County.
- 12—HAROLD N. RUST (Lodge No. 61),
of Wilkes-Barre, for the County of Luzerne, except Lodges
Nos. 327, 467 and 611.
- 13—THOMAS F. WELLS (Lodge No. 323),
of Scranton, for the County of Lackawanna.
- 14—WILLIAM H. HULSIZER (Lodge No. 218),
of Honesdale, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.
- 15—HOMER E. SPENCER (Lodge No. 360),
of Susquehanna, for the Counties of Susquehanna and
Wyoming, except Lodges Nos. 248 and 263.
- 16—JOHN W. CODDING (Lodge No. 108),
of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford and Sullivan, and
Lodges Nos. 248 and 263 in Wyoming County.

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- 17—HOWARD F. MARSH (Lodge No. 317),
of Wellsboro, for the County of Tioga.
- 18—S. CARBON WOLFE (Lodge No. 106),
of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming and Union.
- 19—EZRA C. DOTY (Lodge No. 324),
of Mifflintown, for the Counties of Perry, Juniata and Mifflin.
- 20—HENRY H. BAISH (Lodge No. 281),
of Altoona, for the County of Blair.
- 21—W. HARRISON WALKER (Lodge No. 268),
of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield, and
for Lodge No. 534 in Jefferson County.
- 22—LYMAN M. FINNEY (Lodge No. 334),
of Bradford, for the County of McKean.
- 23—WILLIAM J. GEALY (Lodge No. 363),
of Oil City, for the Counties of Warren, Forest and Venango,
except Lodge No. 552.
- 24—DAVID A. SAWDEY (Lodge No. 392),
of Erie, for the County of Erie.
- 25—ADRIAN W. MCCOY (Lodge No. 234),
of Meadville, for the County of Crawford.
- 26—JOHN S. WALLACE (Lodge No. 433),
of New Castle, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence,
except Lodge No. 411.
- 27—WILLIAM B. MEREDITH (Lodge No. 244),
of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion
and Jefferson (except Lodges Nos. 429, 437 and 534), and for
Lodge No. 552 in Venango County.
- 28—WILLIAM M. HAMILTON (Lodge No. 576),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 45, 219, 221, 231 and 253 in
Allegheny County.
- 29—RALPH M. ALLISON (Lodge No. 164),
of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene,
except Lodges Nos. 337, 461, 615 and 626 in Washington
County.

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- 30—R. KAY PORTSER (Lodge No. 518),
of Greensburg, for the County of Westmoreland, except Lodges
Nos. 617 and 638.
- 31—JOHN M. CORE (Lodge No. 228),
of Uniontown, for the County of Fayette, except Lodge No. 643.
- 32—CLARENCE A. FERGUSON (Lodge No. 430),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 288, 430, 448, 502, 525, 573 and
676 in Allegheny County.
- 33—J. HARRIS MUSSINA (Lodge No. 199),
of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Clinton, Elk and Cameron.
- 34—HOWARD C. FRONTZ (Lodge No. 300),
of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Huntingdon and Bedford.
- 35—HARVEY A. MCKILLIP (Lodge No. 265),
of Bloomsburg, for the Counties of Montour and Columbia.
- 36—A. G. CRISWELL SMITH (Lodge No. 298),
of Media, for the County of Delaware (except Lodge No.
581), and for Lodges Nos. 353, 475 and 545 in Chester County.
- 37—JAMES K. SCOTT (Lodge No. 229),
of Pittsburgh, for the County of Beaver, for Lodge No. 429 in
Butler County, and for Lodge No. 411 in Lawrence County.
- 38—WILLIAM A. JORDAN (Lodge No. 647),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 510, 548, 582, 590, 647, 656, 683
and 685 in Allegheny County.
- 39—WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY (Lodge No. 313),
of Indiana, for the County of Indiana, Lodge No. 617 in
Westmoreland County, and Lodge No. 437 in Armstrong
County.
- 40—WILLIAM H. MAXWELL (Lodge No. 254),
of Pottstown, for Lodges Nos. 254, 585 and 595 in Mont-
gomery County, and Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553 in Chester
County.
- 41—JOHN G. BROAD (Lodge No. 278),
of South Fork, for the Counties of Cambria and Somerset.
- 42—GEORGE HAY KAIN (Lodge No. 266),
of York, for Lodges Nos. 266, 451, 503, 649 and 663 in York
County.

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- 43—WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR (Lodge No. 526),
of Elizabeth, for Lodges Nos. 337, 461, 615 and 626 in Washington County, Lodge No. 526 in Allegheny County, Lodge No. 638 in Westmoreland County and Lodge No. 643 in Fayette County.
- 44—ERNEST L. WENTWORTH (Lodge No. 342),
of Coudersport, for the County of Potter.
- 45—IRA G. ROSS (Lodge No. 242),
of Mauch Chunk, for Lodges Nos. 327, 467, 611 and 687 in Luzerne County, and Lodges Nos. 242 and 621 in Carbon County.
- 46—FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES (Lodge No. 256),
of Milton, for the Counties of Northumberland and Snyder.
- 47—WILLIAM D. MCILROY (Lodge No. 219),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 269, 509, 513, 544, 652, 653, 669, 674 and 684 in Allegheny County.
- 48—J. HARVEY HARRISON (Lodge No. 321),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 321, 546, 608, 634 and 635 in Allegheny County.
- 49—JOHN A. CAUGHEY (Lodge No. 583),
of McKeesport, for Lodges Nos. 375, 583, 612, 613 and 641 in Allegheny County.
- 50—SAMUEL E. SHULL (Lodge No. 325),
of Stroudsburg, for Lodges Nos. 325 and 628 in Monroe County and 311, 413, 565, 594 and 622 in Northampton County.
- 51—BENJAMIN PAGE (Lodge No. 679),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 287, 390, 484, 508 and 535 in Allegheny County.
- 52—ALBERT C. ROHLAND (Lodge No. 608),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 576, 650, 678, 679 and 680 in Allegheny County.
- 53—SION B. SMITH (Lodge No. 530),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 223, 318, 374, 530, 630 and 657 in Allegheny County.

Instructor of Work:

WILLIAM B. JOSLYN (Lodge No. 274),
of Philadelphia.

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EDWARD B. REEDER	"	9
JOHN M. WATT	"	19
JOHN M. ZOOK	"	51
JAMES H. HORNE	"	52
FRANKLIN F. CARTLEDGE	"	59
WILLIAM H. ZIEGLER	"	67
JAMES BAWN	"	71
WILLIAM R. MOONEY	"	72
LEWIS R. WORRELL	"	81
THOMAS E. REILLY	"	91
J. MORRIS MASSEY	"	114
WALTER J. BACHMANN	"	115
THOMAS W. SPARKS	"	121
CARL A. BURGER	"	125
B. FRANK DUFFIELD	"	126
ALONZO J. KITCHEN	"	130
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ROBERT C. STRAFFORD	"	134
WILLIAM T. WESTERMAN	"	135
GEORGE TURNER	"	155
ALBERT C. OEHRLE	"	158
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GEORGE F. POWELL	"	211
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CHARLES W. RIDGWAY	"	271
EDGAR S. LOUGEE	"	274
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OTTO DREYDOPPEL	" 393
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HENRY E. SEYMOUR	" 419
FRANK G. ENGLISH	" 432
JOHN G. CLEMENTS	" 436
SAMUEL R. FOSTER	" 441
ANDREW S. SMITH	" 444
WILLIAM H. SIVEL	" 449
WILLIAM R. BULLOCK	" 450
JOHN H. DRAPER	" 453
SAMUEL C. KANE	" 456
WILLIAM ROBINSON	" 470
HENRY S. HAZLETT	" 481
THOMAS F. GROSS	" 482
THOMAS W. BEARDWOOD	" 487
T. HERBERT ONYX	" 491
ALONZO P. CUNDEY	" 493
J. HARRY OLIVER	" 500
GEORGE W. MORRISON	" 506
SAMUEL LAMOND	" 519
MILTON A. NEFF	" 527
RICHARD TAYLOR	" 528
EDWIN R. COX	" 529
JOHN LAWRENCE	" 543
SAMUEL H. ALLEN	" 591
JAMISON LOTT, JR.	" 600
FRED C. DWYER	" 605
ELVIN S. RODGERS	" 606
WILLIAM H. LOUGHERY	" 607
JOHN E. POORE	" 609
WALTER N. COLLINGS	" 610
JOSEPH SMALLEY, JR.	" 624
PRESTON W. OREM	" 631
JOSEPH COMBS	" 636
ISAAC C. YOCUM	" 645
SYDNEY M. DETURCK	" 646
JOHN L. CRAIG	" 654
JOHN R. FOX	" 659

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FRANK D. BUSER	Lodge No. 661
CHARLES H. BUCKLEY	" 671
WILLIAM R. NEWGEON	" 686

Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund:

GEORGE C. HAGNER	Lodge No. 2
JOHN B. ALLEN	" 3
SAMUEL SIGLER	" 9
JAMES ARNOLD	" 19
OWEN B. JENKINS	" 51
JOHN H. BROMLEY, JR.	" 52
WILLIAM H. LIST	" 59
ADOLPH HAUG	" 67
HARRY C. DAVIS	" 71
HENRY S. REED	" 72
WALTER BOWDITCH	" 81
ALBERT E. BURNS	" 91
ROBERT W. VOGT	" 114
WILLIAM D. GARITEE	" 115
EDWIN KELLY	" 121
AUGUST GEISSEL, JR.	" 125
CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE	" 126
ELWOOD CADWALLADER	" 130
LEWIS McMAKIN	" 131
GRANVILLE M. BAKER	" 134
ROBERT INNES	" 135
MILLER BROWN	" 155
WILLIAM G. NEBIG	" 158
CHARLES F. KNIGHT	" 186
GEORGE W. KELLY	" 187
JACOB G. BUNN	" 211
WESLEY S. SMITH	" 230
WILLIAM M. MANEELY	" 246
SAMUEL DAVIS	" 271
HARRY K. LEECH	" 274
JOHN M. MATHERS	" 289
THEODORE E. SHELDRAKE	" 292
SAMUEL SHAW	" 295
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FRANK E. TOWNSEND	Lodge No. 369
FRED M. BUCKLEY	" 380
CHARLES PETERS	" 384
CHARLES SUMMERFIELD	" 385
GEORGE J. EDWARDS, JR.	" 386
WESLEY FENIMORE.	" 393
THOMAS D. FERGUSON	" 402
WILLIAM H. PEARCE	" 419
WILLIAM M. WEBER	" 432
G. SECKEL HEADMAN	" 436
SAMUEL CAMPBELL	" 441
WILLIAM QUERNS	" 444
REUBEN G. ALFORD	" 449
GEORGE W. MORRIS	" 450
JOHN C. VARWIG	" 453
COLIN DEANS, JR.	" 456
RICHARD COPE	" 470
WILLIAM H. MONTGOMERY	" 481
JAMES CREELMAN	" 482
WILLIAM H. MURPHY	" 487
WILLIAM T. WOODS	" 491
HARVEY H. HUBBERT	" 493
WILLIAM I. AUSTIN	" 500
JOSEPH H. BROWN, JR.	" 506
EMIL J. STROH	" 519
JOHN B. LLEWELLYN	" 527
GEORGE J. BURNS	" 528
JOSEPH GLADING	" 529
GEORGE W. LYSTER	" 543
JACOB BUSCHHOFF	" 591
FREDERICK MERZ	" 600
GUY H. HOERNER	" 605
HARRY D. SPROWLES	" 606
MARVIN M. EAVENSON	" 607
CLARENCE R. BROOKS	" 609
JOHN C. WISENER	" 610
WILLIAM S. WRAY	" 624
PAUL REILLY	" 631
FREDERICK W. SCHAEFER	" 636
CHARLES CRANE, JR.	" 645

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ALLEN C. MIDDLETON	Lodge No. 646
EUGENE H. MOUNT	" 654
JAMES R. PHILLIPS	" 659
GEORGE G. YOUNG	" 661
GEORGE D. FEIDT	" 671
WILLIAM F. RUFF	" 686

Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund:

JAMES GAY GORDON, JR.	Lodge No. 2
WILLIAM W. THOMSON	" 3
JAMES E. M. KELLER	" 9
WILLIAM T. D. MACDONNELL	" 19
ANTHONY P. VALENTINE, JR.	" 51
JOHN H. GEIL	" 52
HORATIO DONEHOWER	" 59
WILLIAM B. BICKER	" 67
WILLIAM H. HILSEE	" 71
ROBERT E. HENSZEY	" 72
JOHN ROBINSON	" 81
GEORGE L. TALLMAN	" 91
JAMES O. HODGE	" 114
ROBERT D. COLE	" 115
ANDREW G. WALLACE	" 121
GEORGE R. J. BURGERT	" 125
HARRY G. MUNSON	" 126
WILLIAM H. McMILLAN	" 130
ROBERT J. CAMPBELL	" 131
WILLIAM W. HORNER	" 134
ISAIAH T. RYAN	" 135
CHARLES PFLAUM	" 155
CHARLES H. BOWEN	" 158
PETER N. K. SCHWENK	" 186
DAVID T. DAVIES	" 187
WILLIAM A. PASS	" 211
JOHN E. CHRISTIAN	" 230
HENRI C. KING	" 246
SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM	" 271
MICHAEL YOUNG	" 274
ROBERT J. ROLSTON	" 289
WILLIAM H. WEISS	" 292
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FRANK DELMAR	" 359
J. PARKER CRITTENDEN	" 368
JOHN A. DAVIDSON	" 369
W. CLARE ELLIOTT	" 380
HENRY A. GENTNER	" 384
P. FRAILEY WELLS	" 385
WILLIAM McCOMBS	" 386
GEORGE W. SAUTER	" 393
OTTO RANGNOW	" 402
JULIUS E. BLAMBERG	" 419
JOHN FETCH	" 432
FRANK C. HEADMAN	" 436
WILLIAM DICK	" 441
FREDERICK W. SCHULER	" 444
HENRY C. HAUSMAN	" 449
GEORGE H. DRAHN	" 450
HENRY G. SCHUEHLER	" 453
CHARLES P. FARWELL	" 456
LEE BURGESS	" 470
CHARLES H. BRELSFORD	" 481
WILLIAM H. WALTER	" 482
WILLIAM L. MEGARY	" 487
LEWIS W. METZGER	" 491
CHARLES RIEDER, JR.	" 493
WILLIAM F. ENGLEHARDT, JR.	" 500
CHARLES M. DUDLEY	" 506
CHARLES G. NANGLE	" 519
HARRY W. SHELLY	" 527
JOHN D. APPLGATE	" 528
WALTER E. BRAND	" 529
I. FRANK OAT	" 543
ROBERT T. MURPHY, JR.	" 591
CASPER M. TITUS	" 600
GEORGE C. SMALL	" 605
HARRY W. PEARCE	" 606
WILLIAM C. NEELY	" 607
FREDERICK G. EGGART	" 609
WILLIAM C. HUNSICKER	" 610
SAMUEL N. PASTORIUS	" 624

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J. E. BURNETT BUCKENHAM	Lodge No. 631
JOHN T. CAMPBELL	" 636
ROBERT SMITH	" 645
EDWIN F. CAIN	" 646
DAVID M. BOFFENMYER	" 654
THOMAS S. PHILLIPS	" 659
HOWARD H. YOCUM	" 661
LEWIS LEYMAN	" 671
LESTER WITTENBERG	" 686

The following visiting Grand Officers eloquently addressed Grand Lodge:

Most Worshipful THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland;

Most Worshipful THOMAS PENNEY, Grand Master of Masons in New York;

Most Worshipful WILLIAM R. MEAKLE, Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey;

Most Worshipful EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York; and

Most Worshipful GEORGE FREIFELD, Past Grand Master of New York.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock, 35 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

APPENDIX.

LIST OF LODGES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORDING TO PLACES OF MEETING.

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Albion	No. 24.....	Western Star	304
Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53.....	Allegheny	223
" "	" 32.....	Jefferson	288
" "	" 53.....	McKinley	318
" "	" 53.....	Davage	374
" "	" 32.....	Stuckrath	430
" "	" 32.....	Ionic	525
" "	" 32.....	Park	676
Allentown	" 10.....	Barger	333
"	" 10.....	Greenleaf	561
"	" 10.....	Jordan	673
Altoona	" 20.....	Mountain	281
"	" 20.....	Logan	490
"	" 20.....	Hiram	616
Apollo	" 39.....	Apollo	437
Ardmore	" 6.....	Cassia	273
Ashland	" 11.....	Ashland	294
Ashley	" 12.....	Coalville	474
Athens	" 16.....	Rural Amity	70
Austin	" 44.....	Arcana	580
Bangor	" 50.....	Bangor	565
Bath	" 50.....	Manoquesy	413
Beallsville	" 29.....	Beallsville	237
Beaver	" 37.....	St. James	457
Beaver Falls	" 37.....	Beaver Valley	478
" "	" 37.....	Parian	662
Bedford	" 34.....	Bedford	320
Bellefonte	" 21.....	Bellefonte	268
Belle Vernon	" 43.....	Belle Vernon	643
Bellevue	" 53.....	Bellevue	530
"	" 53.....	Avalon	657
Benton	" 35.....	Benton	667
Berwick	" 35.....	Knapp	462
Bethlehem	" 9.....	Bethlehem	283
Birdsboro	" 7.....	Union	479
Blairsville	" 39.....	Acacia	355
Bloomsburg	" 35.....	Washington	265
Blossburg	" 17.....	Bloss	350
Braddock	" 38.....	Braddock's Field	510

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Bradford	No. 22.....	Union	334
Bristol	" 8.....	Bristol	25
Brookville	" 27.....	Hobah	276
Brownsville	" 31.....	Brownsville	60
Burgettstown	" 29.....	Richard Vaux	454
Butler	" 27.....	Butler	272
California	" 43.....	Monongahela Valley ...	461
Cambridge Springs	" 25.....	Covenant	473
Camp Hill	" 3.....	West Shore	681
Canonsburg	" 29.....	Chartiers	297
Canton	" 16.....	Canton	415
Carbondale	" 13.....	Carbondale	249
Carlisle	" 3.....	Cumberland Star	197
"	" 3.....	St. John's	260
Carnegie	" 47.....	Centennial	544
"	" 47.....	La Fayette	652
Catasauqua	" 10.....	Porter	284
Catawissa	" 35.....	Catawissa	349
Center Hall	" 21.....	Old Fort	537
Chambersburg	" 3.....	George Washington	143
Charleroi	" 43.....	Charleroi	615
Chester	" 36.....	Chester	236
"	" 36.....	Lucius H. Scott	352
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.	A.....	Hiram	81
Chicora	No. 27.....	Argyle	540
Christiana	" 1.....	Christiana	417
Clarion	" 27.....	Clarion	277
Clark's Summit	" 13.....	Waverly	301
Claysville	" 29.....	Claysville	447
Clearfield	" 21.....	Clearfield	314
Coalport	" 21.....	Coalport	574
Coatesville	" 5.....	Goddard	383
"	" 5.....	Coatesville	564
Cochranville	" 5.....	Skerrett	343
Collegeville	" 6.....	Warren	310
Columbia	" 1.....	Columbia	286
Columbus	" 23.....	Columbus	264
Concordville	" 36.....	Concord	625
Conneautville	" 25.....	Western Crawford.....	258
Connellsville	" 31.....	King Solomon's	346
Conshohocken	" 6.....	Fritz	420
Coopersburg	" 10.....	Saucon	469
Coraopolis	" 47.....	Coraopolis	674
Corry	" 24.....	Corry	365

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Coudersport	No. 44.....	Eulalia	342
Crafton	" 47.....	Crafton	653
Cressona	" 11.....	Cressona	426
Curwensville	" 21.....	Noble	480
Dallas	" 12.....	George M. Dallas	531
Danville	" 35.....	Danville	224
"	" 35.....	Mahoning	516
Dawson	" 31.....	James Cochran	614
Derry Station	" 30.....	La Monte	568
Donora	" 43.....	Donora	626
Dormont	" 47.....	.....	684
Downingtown	" 5.....	Williamson	309
Doylestown	" 8.....	Doylestown	245
Driftwood	" 33.....	Driftwood	532
DuBois	" 21.....	Garfield	559
Duke Center	" 22.....	Northern Star	555
Dunmore	" 13.....	King Solomon	584
East Brady	" 27.....	East Brady	640
East Greenville	" 40.....	Perkiomen	595
Easton	" 9.....	Easton	152
"	" 9.....	Dallas	396
East Smithfield	" 16.....	Smithfield	428
East Stroudsburg	" 50.....	J. Simpson Africa	628
Ebensburg	" 41.....	Summit	312
Edenburg, Knox P. O.	" 27.....	Edenburg	550
Edinboro	" 24.....	Oasis	416
Eldred	" 22.....	Eldred	560
Elizabeth	" 43.....	Stephen Bayard	526
Elizabethtown	" 1.....	.....	682
Elkland	" 17.....	Osceola	421
Ellwood City	" 26.....	Ellwood	599
Elysburg	" 46.....	Elysburg	414
Emlenton	" 27.....	Allegheny Valley	552
Emporium	" 33.....	Emporium	382
Enon Valley	" 37.....	Meridian	411
Ephrata	" 1.....	Ephrata	665
Erie	" 24.....	Tyrian	362
"	" 24.....	Perry	392
"	" 24.....	Keystone	455
Everett	" 34.....	Everett	524
Factoryville	" 15.....	Factoryville	341
Falls of Schuylkill, Phila- delphia	C.....	Palestine	470
Fayette City	No. 31.....	Gummert	252
Fawn Grove	" 42.....	Friendship	663

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Forest City	No. 15.....	Forest City	439
Fort Washington	" 8.....	Fort Washington	308
Frankford, Philadelphia ...	H.....	Frankford	292
" "	H.....	Jerusalem	506
Franklin	No. 23.....	Myrtle	316
Freeland	" 45.....	Arbutus	611
Freeport	" 27.....	Armstrong	239
Galeton	" 44.....	Galeton	602
Germantown, Philadelphia .	A.....	Mitchell	296
" "	D.....	Henry W. Williams	624
Gettysburg	No. 4.....	Good Samaritan	336
Girard	" 24.....	Lake Erie	347
Great Bend	" 15.....	Great Bend	338
Greencastle	" 3.....	Mount Pisgah	443
Greensburg	" 30.....	Philanthropy	225
"	" 30.....	Westmoreland	518
Green Tree Station	" 5.....	Thomson	340
Greenville	" 26.....	Eureka	290
Grove City	" 26.....	Grove City	603
Hamburg	" 7.....	Vaux	406
Hamlin	" 14.....	Salem	330
Hanover	" 4.....	Patmos	348
Harrisburg	" 2.....	Perseverance	21
"	" 2.....	Robert Burns	464
"	" 2.....	Harrisburg	629
Harrison Valley	" 44.....	Adelpha	592
Hatboro	" 8.....	W. K. Bray	410
Hawley	" 14.....	Hawley	305
Hazleton	" 45.....	Hazle	327
"	" 45.....	Azalea	687
Hellertown	" 9.....	Hellertown	563
Holidaysburg	" 20.....	Portage	220
"	" 20.....	Juniata	282
Homestead	" 38.....	Homestead	582
"	" 38.....	Amity	685
Honesdale	" 14.....	Honesdale	218
Honeybrook	" 5.....	Howell	405
Hop Bottom	" 15.....	Harford	445
Hummelstown	" 2.....	Brownstone	666
Huntingdon	" 34.....	Mount Moriah	300
Hyndman	" 34.....	Hyndman	589
Indiana	" 39.....	Indiana	313
Irwin	" 30.....	Shidle	601

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Jackson	No. 15.....	Freedom	328
Jamestown	" 26.....	Adelphic	424
Jenkintown	" 8.....	Friendship	400
Jermyn	" 13.....	Aurora	523
Jersey Shore	" 18.....	La Belle Vallée	232
Johnsonburg	" 33.....	James W. Brown	675
Johnstown	" 41.....	Cambria	278
"	" 41.....	Johnstown	538
Kane	" 22.....	Kane	566
Kennett Square	" 36.....	Kennett	475
Kensington, Philadelphia ...	F.....	Kensington	211
"	F.....	Richmond	230
"	E.....	Gothic	519
Kingston	No. 12.....	Kingston	395
Kittanning	" 27.....	Kittanning	244
Knoxville	" 17.....	Cowanesque	351
Kutztown	" 7.....	Huguenot	377
Laceyville	" 16.....	Franklin	263
Lancaster	" 1.....	.....	43
"	" 1.....	Lamberton	476
Lansdale	" 6.....	Shiloh	558
Lansford	" 11.....	Panther Valley	677
Latrobe	" 30.....	Loyalhanna	275
Lebanon	" 2.....	Mount Lebanon	226
Leechburg	" 27.....	Leechburg	577
Leighton	" 45.....	Leighton	621
Le Raysville	" 16.....	Le Ray	471
Lewisburg	" 18.....	Charity	144
Lewistown	" 19.....	Lewistown	203
Ligonier	" 30.....	Ligonier	331
Linesville	" 25.....	Pine	498
Lock Haven	" 33.....	La Fayette	199
Lykens	" 2.....	Ashlar	570
McDonald	" 29.....	Garfield	604
McKeesport	" 49.....	Alliquippa	375
"	" 49.....	Youghiogeny	583
"	" 49.....	McKeesport	641
McVeytown	" 19.....	McVeytown	376
Mahanoy City	" 11.....	Mahanoy City	357
Manayunk, Philadelphia ...	A.....	Roxborough	135
Manheim	No. 1.....	Manheim	587
Mansfield	" 17.....	Friendship	247
Marienville	" 23.....	Acacia	633

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Marietta	No. 1.....	Ashara	398
Marysville	" 19.....	Perry	458
Masontown	" 31.....	Valley	459
Mauch Chunk	" 45.....	Carbon	242
Meadville	" 25.....	Crawford	234
"	" 25.....	.....	408
Mechanicsburg	" 3.....	Eureka	302
Media	" 36.....	George W. Bartram ...	298
Mercer	" 26.....	Hebron	575
Meyersdale	" 41.....	Meyersdale	554
Middleburg	" 46.....	Middleburg	619
Middletown	" 2.....	Prince Edwin	486
Midland	" 37.....	Glasgow	485
Mifflinburg	" 18.....	Mifflinburg	370
Mifflintown	" 19.....	Union	324
Milford	" 14.....	Milford	344
Millersburg	" 2.....	Susquehanna	364
Millersville	" 1.....	Charles M. Howell	496
Millvale Borough	" 32.....	Corinthian	573
Milton	" 46.....	Milton	256
Minersville	" 11.....	Minersville	222
Monessen	" 43.....	Monessen	638
Monongahela	" 43.....	Henry M. Phillips	337
Monroeton	" 16.....	Evergreen	163
Montoursville	" 18.....	Eureka	335
Montrose	" 15.....	Warren	240
Moore	" 36.....	Prospect	578
Moosic	" 13.....	Moosic	664
Moscow	" 13.....	Moscow	504
Mount Carmel	" 46.....	Mount Carmel	378
"	" 46.....	Cedar	670
Mount Jewett	" 22.....	Mount Jewett	627
Mount Joy	" 1.....	Casiphia	551
Muncy	" 18.....	Muncy	299
Nanticoke	" 12.....	Nanticoke	541
Nazareth	" 50.....	Whitfield	622
New Bethlehem	" 27.....	New Bethlehem	522
New Bloomfield	" 19.....	Adams	319
New Brighton	" 37.....	Union	259
New Castle	" 26.....	Mahoning	243
"	" 26.....	Lodge of the Craft	433
"	" 26.....	New Castle	642
New Kensington	" 30.....	Tyrian	644
New Milford	" 15.....	New Milford	507

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New Oxford	No. 4.....	Hebron	465
Newport	" 19.....	Newport	381
Newtown	" 8.....	Newtown	427
Newville	" 3.....	Big Spring	361
Nicholson	" 15.....	Nicholson	438
Norristown	" 6.....	Charity	190
"	" 6.....	Norristown	620
North East	" 24.....	North East	399
Northampton	" 9.....	Chapman	637
Northumberland	" 46.....	Eureka	404
Oakdale	" 47.....	Oakdale	669
Oil City	" 23.....	Petrolia	363
Olyphant	" 13.....	Kingsbury	466
Orangeville	" 35.....	Oriental	460
Orbisonia	" 34.....	Cromwell	572
Orrstown	" 3.....	Orrstown	262
Orwigsburg	" 11.....	Schuykill	138
Osceola Mills	" 21.....	Osceola	515
Oxford	" 36.....	Oxford	353
Parker's Landing	" 27.....	Parker City	521
Parkesburg	" 5.....	Keystone	569
Patton	" 41.....	Patton	658
Peckville	" 13.....	Oriental Star	588
Pen Argyl	" 50.....	Pen Argyl	594
Philadelphia	B.....		2
"	C.....		3
"	B.....		9
"	D.....	Montgomery	19
"	E.....		51
"	D.....	Harmony	52
"	A.....	Washington	59
"	C.....	Concordia	67
"	B.....	La Fayette	71
"	H.....	Philadelphia	72
"	A.....	Hiram	81
"	C.....	Columbia	91
"	B.....	Solomon's	114
"	E.....	St. John's	115
"	A.....	Union	121
"	E.....	Hermann	125
"	C.....	Rising Star	126
"	D.....	Phoenix	130
"	G.....	Industry	131
"	F.....	Franklin	134
"	A.....	Roxborough	135

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Philadelphia	B.....	Mount Moriah	155
"	D.....	Meridian Sun	158
"	C.....	Eastern Star	186
"	D.....	Integrity	187
"	F.....	Kensington	211
"	F.....	Richmond	230
"	A.....	Shekinah	246
"	E.....	Keystone	271
"	G.....	Hamilton	274
"	G.....	Orient	289
"	H.....	Frankford	292
"	H.....	Melita	295
"	A.....	Mitchell	296
"	E.....	Humboldt	359
"	A.....	Corinthian	368
"	F.....	Williamson	369
"	D.....	Pennsylvania	380
"	H.....	Richard Vaux	384
"	C.....	Oriental	385
"	E.....	Apollo	386
"	C.....	Vaux	393
"	E.....	Perkins	402
"	C.....	William B. Schnider ...	419
"	F.....	.....	432
"	G.....	Mozart	436
"	H.....	Potter	441
"	B.....	Philo	444
"	G.....	Ivanhoe	449
"	B.....	Stephen Girard	450
"	A.....	Welcome	453
"	H.....	Covenant	456
"	C.....	Palestine	470
"	F.....	St. Paul's	481
"	E.....	Athelstan	482
"	F.....	Robert A. Lamberton ..	487
"	A.....	Excelsior	491
"	A.....	Crescent	493
"	F.....	William C. Hamilton ...	500
"	H.....	Jerusalem	506
"	E.....	Gothic	519
"	B.....	Philates	527
"	F.....	Mount Horeb	528
"	G.....	St. Alban	529
"	B.....	Fernwood	543
"	F.....	Equity	591
"	G.....	Tacony	600

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Philadelphia	B.....	E. Coppée Mitchell	605
"	C.....	Radiant Star	606
"	E.....	Olivet	607
"	A.....	Progress	609
"	H.....	University	610
"	D.....	Henry W. Williams	624
"	H.....	Colonial	631
"	G.....	Michael Arnold	636
"	G.....	Conrad B. Day	645
"	H.....	William L. Elkins	646
"	D.....	Charles M. Swain	654
"	G.....	Thomas R. Patton	659
"	D.....	Matthias H. Henderson.	661
"	D.....	Peter A. B. Widener...	671
"	F.....	Robert R. Bringhurst...	686
Philipsburg	No. 21.....	Moshannon	391
Phoenixville	" 40.....	Phœnix	75
Pine Grove	" 11.....	Pine Grove	409
Pittsburgh	" 28.....	.....	45
"	" 28.....	St. John's	219
"	" 28.....	Franklin	221
"	" 28.....	Solomon	231
"	" 28.....	Washington	253
"	" 47.....	Monongahela	269
"	" 51.....	Milnor	287
"	" 48.....	Hailman	321
"	" 51.....	McCandless	390
"	" 51.....	Pittsburgh	484
"	" 51.....	Dallas	508
"	" 47.....	Germania	509
"	" 47.....	Guyasuta	513
"	" 51.....	Oakland	535
"	" 48.....	Duquesne	546
"	" 52.....	Crescent	576
"	" 48.....	Joppa	608
"	" 48.....	Fort Pitt	634
"	" 48.....	Homewood	635
"	" 52.....	Geter C. Shidle	650
"	" 52.....	Temple	678
"	" 52.....	Fellowship	679
"	" 52.....	Bellefield	680
Pittsburgh, N.S. (Allegheny)	" 53.....	Allegheny	223
"	" 32.....	Jefferson	288
"	" 53.....	McKinley	318
"	" 53.....	Davage	374

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME,	No.
Pittsburgh, N.S. (Allegheny)	No. 32	Stuckrath	430
"	" 32	Ionic	525
"	" 32	Park	676
Pittston	" 12	St. John's	233
"	" 12	Valley	499
Plymouth	" 12	Plymouth	332
Port Allegany	" 22	Liberty	505
Portland	" 50	Portland	311
Pottstown	" 40	Stichter	254
Pottsville	" 11	Pulaski	216
Punxsutawney	" 21	John W. Jenks	534
Quakertown	" 8	Quakertown	512
Quarryville	" 1	Washington	156
Reading	" 7		62
"	" 7	Chandler	227
"	" 7	Teutonia	367
"	" 7	St. John's	435
"	" 7	Reading	549
"	" 7	Isaac Hiester	660
Red Lion	" 42	Red Lion	649
Renovo	" 33	Renovo	495
Reynoldsville	" 27	John M. Read	536
Ridgway	" 33	Elk	379
Riegelsville	" 9	Prosperity	567
Roaring Spring	" 20	Woodbury	539
Rochester	" 37	Rochester	229
Rome	" 16	Roman	418
Rouseville	" 23	Fraternal	483
Royersford	" 40	Royersford	585
St. Clair	" 11	Anthracite	285
St. Marys	" 33	George E. Wagner	639
St. Petersburg	" 27	Canby	520
Saltsburg	" 39	Williamson	431
Sandy Lake	" 26	Lake	434
Schuylkill Haven	" 11	Page	270
Scottdale	" 30	Marion	562
Scranton	" 13	Hiram	261
"	" 13	Union	291
"	" 13	Peter Williamson	323
"	" 13	Hyde Park	339
"	" 13	Schiller	345
"	" 13	Green Ridge	597

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Selinsgrove	No. 46.....	La Fayette	194
Sellersville	" 8.....	MacCalla	596
Sewickley	" 53.....	Doric	630
Shamokin	" 46.....	Shamokin	255
Sharon	" 26.....	Sharon	250
"	" 26.....	Shenango	668
Sharpsburg	" 32.....	Zeredatha	448
Sharpsville	" 26.....	Sharpsville	517
Shenandoah	" 11.....	Shenandoah	511
Shickshinny	" 12.....	Sylvania	354
Shinglehouse	" 44.....	Sharon	598
Shippensburg	" 3.....	Cumberland Valley	315
Shrewsbury	" 4.....	Shrewsbury	423
Slatington	" 10.....	Slatington	440
Smethport	" 22.....	McKean	388
Somerset	" 41.....	Somerset	358
South Bethlehem	" 9.....	H. Stanley Goodwin ...	648
Spartansburg	" 25.....	Spartan	372
Spring City	" 40.....	Spring City	553
Stroudsburg	" 50.....	Barger	325
Sugar Grove	" 23.....	Stillwater	547
Sunbury	" 46.....	.....	22
"	" 46.....	Maclay	632
Susquehanna	" 15.....	Canawacta	360
Swissvale	" 38.....	Swissvale	656
Tacony, Philadelphia	G.....	Tacony	600
Tamaqua	No. 11.....	Tamaqua	238
Tarentum	" 32.....	Pollock	502
Taylor	" 13.....	Acacia	579
Thompstontown	" 19.....	Lamberton	371
Tidioute	" 23.....	Temple	412
Tioga	" 17.....	Tioga	373
Tionesta	" 23.....	Olive	557
Titusville	" 25.....	Oil Creek	303
"	" 25.....	Shepherd	463
Towanda	" 16.....	Union	108
Tremont	" 11.....	Swatara	267
Trexlerstown	" 10.....	Lehigh	326
Troy	" 16.....	Trojan	306
Tunkhannock	" 16.....	Temple	248
Turtle Creek	" 49.....	Valley	613
Tyrone	" 20.....	Tyrone	494

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Ulysses	No. 44.....	Lewisville	556
Union City	" 24.....	Eureka	366
Uniondale	" 15.....	Mount Hermon	472
Uniontown	" 31.....	Fayette	228
"	" 31.....	Laurel	651
Upper Uwchlan	" 40.....	Mount Pickering	446
Vandergrift	" 39.....	Kiskiminetas	617
Verona	" 38.....	Verona	548
Warren	" 23.....	North Star	241
Washington	" 29.....	Washington	164
"	" 29.....	Sunset	623
Waterford	" 24.....	Waterford	425
Watson town	" 46.....	Watson town	401
Wattsburg	" 24.....	Wattsburg	533
Waymart	" 14.....	Waymart	542
Wayne	" 6.....	Wayne	581
Waynesboro	" 4.....	Acacia	586
Waynesburg	" 29.....	Waynesburg	153
Wellsboro	" 17.....	Ossea	317
West Chester	" 5.....	West Chester	322
Westfield	" 17.....	Westfield	477
West Grove	" 36.....	New London	545
West Middlesex	" 26.....	Kedron	389
West Newton	" 30.....	Blyth	593
White Haven	" 45.....	Laurel	467
Wilcox	" 33.....	Wilcox	571
Wilkes-Barre	" 12.....	.....	61
"	" 12.....	Landmark	442
"	" 12.....	Fidelity	655
Wilkinsburg	" 38.....	Orient	590
"	" 38.....	Beta	647
"	" 38.....	Wilkinsburg	683
Williamsport	" 18.....	.....	106
"	" 18.....	Ivy	397
Wilmerding	" 49.....	Tyrian	612
Womelsdorf	" 7.....	Williamson	307
Woodlawn	" 37.....	Woodlawn	672
Wrightsville	" 42.....	Riverside	503
Wyalusing	" 16.....	Wyalusing	618
Wyoming	" 12.....	Wyoming	468
York	" 42.....	York	266
"	" 42.....	Zeredatha	451
Zelienople	" 37.....	Harmony	429

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NAME.	NO.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Acacia	355.....	Blairsville	No. 39
Acacia	579.....	Taylor	" 13
Acacia	586.....	Waynesboro	" 4
Acacia	633.....	Marienville	" 23
Adams	319.....	New Bloomfield	" 19
Adelpha	592.....	Harrison Valley	" 44
Adelphic	424.....	Jamestown	" 26
Africa, J. Simpson	628.....	East Stroudsburg	" 50
Allegheny	223.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53
Allegheny Valley	552.....	Emlenton	" 27
Alliquippa	375.....	McKeesport	" 49
Amity	685.....	Homestead	" 38
Anthracite	285.....	St. Clair	" 11
Apollo	386.....	Philadelphia	E
Apollo	437.....	Apollo	No. 39
Arbutus	611.....	Freeland	" 45
Arcana	580.....	Austin	" 44
Argyle	540.....	Chicora	" 27
Armstrong	239.....	Freeport	" 27
Arnold, Michael	636.....	Philadelphia	G
Ashara	398.....	Marietta	No. 1
Ashland	294.....	Ashland	" 11
Ashlar	570.....	Lykens	" 2
Athelstan	482.....	Philadelphia	E
Aurora	523.....	Jermyn	No. 13
Avalon	657.....	Bellevue	" 53
Azalea	687.....	Hazleton	" 45
Bangor	565.....	Bangor	" 50
Barger	325.....	Stroudsburg	" 50
Barger	333.....	Allentown	" 10
Bartram, George W.	298.....	Media	" 36
Bayard, Stephen	526.....	Elizabeth	" 43
Beallsville	237.....	Beallsville	" 29
Beaver Valley	478.....	Beaver Falls	" 37
Bedford	320.....	Bedford	" 34
Bellefield	680.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Bellefonte	268.....	Bellefonte	" 21
Belle Vernon	643.....	Belle Vernon	" 43
Bellevue	530.....	Bellevue	" 53
Benton	667.....	Benton	" 35
Beta	647.....	Wilkinsburg	" 38
Bethlehem	283.....	Bethlehem	" 9
Big Spring	361.....	Newville	" 3
Bloss	350.....	Blossburg	" 17

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Blyth	593.....	West Newton	No. 30
Braddock's Field	510.....	Braddock	" 38
Bray, W. K.	410.....	Hatboro	" 8
Bringhurst, Robert R. ..	686.....	Philadelphia	F
Bristol	25.....	Bristol	" 8
Brown, James W.	675.....	Johnsonburg	" 33
Brownstone	666.....	Hummelstown	" 2
Brownsville	60.....	Brownsville	" 31
Burns, Robert	464.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Butler	272.....	Butler	" 27
Cambria	278.....	Johnstown	" 41
Canawacta	360.....	Susquehanna	" 15
Canby	520.....	St. Petersburg	" 27
Canton	415.....	Canton	" 16
Carbon	242.....	Mauch Chunk	" 45
Carbondale	249.....	Carbondale	" 13
Casiphia	551.....	Mount Joy	" 1
Cassia	273.....	Ardmore	" 6
Catawissa	349.....	Catawissa	" 35
Cedar	670.....	Mount Carmel	" 46
Centennial	544.....	Carnegie	" 47
Chandler	227.....	Reading	" 7
Chapman	637.....	Northampton	" 9
Charity	144.....	Lewisburg	" 18
Charity	190.....	Norristown	" 6
Charleroi	615.....	Charleroi	" 43
Chartiers	297.....	Canonsburg	" 29
Chester	236.....	Chester	" 36
Christiana	417.....	Christiana	" 1
Clarion	277.....	Clarion	" 27
Claysville	447.....	Claysville	" 29
Clearfield	314.....	Clearfield	" 21
Coalport	574.....	Coalport	" 21
Coalville	474.....	Ashley	" 12
Coatesville	564.....	Coatesville	" 5
Cochran, James	614.....	Dawson	" 31
Colonial	631.....	Philadelphia	H
Columbia	91.....	Philadelphia	C
Columbia	286.....	Columbia	No. 1
Columbus	264.....	Columbus	" 23
Concord	625.....	Concordville	" 36
Concordia	67.....	Philadelphia	C
Coraopolis	674.....	Coraopolis	No. 47
Corinthian	368.....	Philadelphia	A
Corinthian	573.....	Millvale Borough	No. 32

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Corry	365.....	Corry	No. 24
Covenant	456.....	Philadelphia	H
Covenant	473.....	Cambridge Springs	No. 25
Cowanesque	351.....	Knoxville	" 17
Crafton	653.....	Crafton	" 47
Crawford	234.....	Meadville	" 25
Crescent	493.....	Philadelphia	A
Crescent	576.....	Pittsburgh	No. 52
Cressona	426.....	Cressona	" 11
Cromwell	572.....	Orbisonia	" 34
Cumberland Star	197.....	Carlisle	" 3
Cumberland Valley	315.....	Shippensburg	" 3
Dallas	396.....	Easton	" 9
Dallas	508.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Dallas, George M.	531.....	Dallas	" 12
Danville	224.....	Danville	" 35
Davage	374.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53
Day, Conrad B.	645.....	Philadelphia	G
Donora	626.....	Donora	No. 43
Doric	630.....	Sewickley	" 53
Doylestown	245.....	Doylestown	" 8
Driftwood	532.....	Driftwood	" 33
Duquesne	546.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
East Brady	640.....	East Brady	" 27
Eastern Star	186.....	Philadelphia	C
Easton	152.....	Easton	No. 9
Edenburg	550.....	Edenburg	" 27
Eldred	560.....	Eldred	" 22
Elk	379.....	Ridgway	" 33
Elkins, William L.	646.....	Philadelphia	H
Ellwood	599.....	Ellwood City	No. 26
Elysburg	414.....	Elysburg	" 46
Emporium	382.....	Emporium	" 33
Ephrata	665.....	Ephrata	" 1
Equity	591.....	Philadelphia	F
Eulalia	342.....	Coudersport	No. 44
Eureka	290.....	Greenville	" 26
Eureka	302.....	Mechanicsburg	" 3
Eureka	335.....	Montoursville	" 18
Eureka	366.....	Union City	" 24
Eureka	404.....	Northumberland	" 46
Everett	524.....	Everett	" 34
Evergreen	163.....	Monroeton	" 16
Excelsior	491.....	Philadelphia	A

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Factoryville	341.....	Factoryville	No. 15
Fayette	228.....	Uniontown	" 31
Fellowship	679.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Fernwood	543.....	Philadelphia	B
Fidelity	655.....	Wilkes-Barre	No. 12
Forest City	439.....	Forest City	" 15
Fort Pitt	634.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
Fort Washington	308.....	Fort Washington	" 8
Frankford	292.....	Philadelphia	H
Franklin	134.....	Philadelphia	F
Franklin	221.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
Franklin	263.....	Laceyville	" 16
Fraternal	483.....	Rouseville	" 23
Freedom	328.....	Jackson	" 15
Friendship	247.....	Mansfield	" 17
Friendship	400.....	Jenkintown	" 8
Friendship	663.....	Fawn Grove	" 42
Fritz	420.....	Conshohocken	" 6
Galeton	602.....	Galeton	" 44
Garfield	559.....	DuBois	" 21
Garfield	604.....	McDonald	" 29
Germania	509.....	Pittsburgh	" 47
Girard, Stephen	450.....	Philadelphia	B
Glasgow	485.....	Midland	No. 37
Goddard	383.....	Coatesville	" 5
Good Samaritan	336.....	Gettysburg	" 4
Goodwin, H. Stanley ...	648.....	South Bethlehem	" 9
Gothic	519.....	Philadelphia	E
Great Bend	338.....	Great Bend	No. 15
Greenleaf	561.....	Allentown	" 10
Green Ridge	597.....	Scranton	" 13
Grove City	603.....	Grove City	" 26
Gummert	252.....	Fayette City	" 31
Guyasuta	513.....	Pittsburgh	" 47
Hailman	321.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
Hamilton	274.....	Philadelphia	G
Hamilton, William C. ..	500.....	Philadelphia	F
Harford	445.....	Hop Bottom	No. 15
Harmony	52.....	Philadelphia	D
Harmony	429.....	Zelienople	No. 37
Harrisburg	629.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Hawley	305.....	Hawley	" 14
Hazle	327.....	Hazleton	" 45
Hebron	465.....	New Oxford	" 4

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Hebron	575.....	Mercer	No. 26
Hellertown	563.....	Hellertown	" 9
Henderson, Matthias H..	661.....	Philadelphia	D
Hermann	125.....	Philadelphia	E
Hiester, Isaac	660.....	Reading	No. 7
Hiram	81.....	Philadelphia	A
Hiram	261.....	Scranton	No. 13
Hiram	616.....	Altoona	" 20
Hobah	276.....	Brookville	" 27
Homestead	582.....	Homestead	" 38
Homewood	635.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
Honesdale	218.....	Honesdale	" 14
Howell	405.....	Honeybrook	" 5
Howell, Charles M.	496.....	Millersville	" 1
Huguenot	377.....	Kutztown	" 7
Humboldt	359.....	Philadelphia	E
Hyde Park	339.....	Scranton	No. 13
Hyndman	589.....	Hyndman	" 34
Indiana	313.....	Indiana	" 39
Industry	131.....	Philadelphia	G
Integrity	187.....	Philadelphia	D
Ionic	525.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	No. 32
Ivanhoe	449.....	Philadelphia	G
Ivy	397.....	Williamsport	No. 18
Jefferson	288.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 32
Jenks, John W.	534.....	Punxsutawney	" 21
Jerusalem	506.....	Philadelphia	H
Johnstown	538.....	Johnstown	No. 41
Joppa	608.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
Jordan	673.....	Allentown	" 10
Juniata	282.....	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Kane	566.....	Kane	" 22
Kedron	389.....	West Middlesex	" 26
Kennett	475.....	Kennett Square	" 36
Kensington	211.....	Philadelphia	F
Keystone	271.....	Philadelphia	E
Keystone	455.....	Erie	No. 24
Keystone	569.....	Parkesburg	" 5
Kingsbury	466.....	Olyphant	" 13
King Solomon	584.....	Dunmore	" 13
King Solomon's	346.....	Connellsville	" 31
Kingston	395.....	Kingston	" 12
Kiskiminetas	617.....	Vandergrift	" 39

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Kittanning	244.....	Kittanning	No. 27
Knapp	462.....	Berwick	" 35
La Belle Vallée	232.....	Jersey Shore	" 18
La Fayette	71.....	Philadelphia	B
La Fayette	194.....	Selinsgrove	No. 46
La Fayette	199.....	Lock Haven	" 33
La Fayette	652.....	Carnegie	" 47
Lake	434.....	Sandy Lake	" 26
Lake Erie	347.....	Girard	" 24
Lamberton	371.....	Thompsontown	" 19
Lamberton	476.....	Lancaster	" 1
Lamberton, Robert A. .	487.....	Philadelphia	F
La Monte	568.....	Derry Station	No. 30
Landmark	442.....	Wilkes-Barre	" 12
Laurel	467.....	White Haven	" 45
Laurel	651.....	Uniontown	" 31
Leechburg	577.....	Leechburg	" 27
Lehigh	326.....	Trexlerstown	" 10
Lehigh	621.....	Lehigh	" 45
Le Ray	471.....	Le Raysville	" 16
Lewistown	203.....	Lewistown	" 19
Lewisville	556.....	Ulysses	" 44
Liberty	505.....	Port Allegany	" 22
Ligonier	331.....	Ligonier	" 30
Lodge of the Craft .	433.....	New Castle	" 26
Logan	490.....	Altoona	" 20
Loyalhanna	275.....	Latrobe	" 30
MacCalla	596.....	Sellersville	" 8
McCandless	390.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
McKean	388.....	Smethport	" 22
McKeesport	641.....	McKeesport	" 49
McKinley	318.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53
McVeytown	376.....	McVeytown	" 19
Maclay	632.....	Sunbury	" 46
Mahanoy City	357.....	Mahanoy City	" 11
Mahoning	243.....	New Castle	" 26
Mahoning	516.....	Danville	" 35
Manheim	587.....	Manheim	" 1
Manoquesy	413.....	Bath	" 50
Marion	562.....	Scottdale	" 30
Melita	295.....	Philadelphia	H
Meridian	411.....	Enon Valley	No. 37
Meridian Sun	158.....	Philadelphia	D
Meyersdale	554.....	Meyersdale	No. 41

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Middleburg	619.....	Middleburg	No. 46
Mifflinburg	370.....	Mifflinburg	" 18
Milford	344.....	Milford	" 14
Milnor	287.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Milton	256.....	Milton	" 46
Minersville	222.....	Minersville	" 11
Mitchell	296.....	Philadelphia	A
Mitchell, E. Coppée	605.....	Philadelphia	B
Monessen	638.....	Monessen	No. 43
Monongahela	269.....	Pittsburgh	" 47
Monongahela Valley ...	461.....	California	" 43
Montgomery	19.....	Philadelphia	D
Moosic	664.....	Moosic	No. 13
Moscow	504.....	Moscow	" 13
Moshannon	391.....	Philipsburg	" 21
Mountain	281.....	Altoona	" 20
Mount Carmel	378.....	Mount Carmel	" 46
Mount Hermon	472.....	Uniondale	" 15
Mount Horeb	528.....	Philadelphia	F
Mount Jewett	627.....	Mount Jewett	No. 22
Mount Lebanon	226.....	Lebanon	" 2
Mount Moriah	155.....	Philadelphia	B
Mount Moriah	300.....	Huntingdon	No. 34
Mount Pickering	446.....	Upper Uwchlan	" 40
Mount Pisgah	443.....	Greencastle	" 3
Mozart	436.....	Philadelphia	G
Muncy	299.....	Muncy	No. 18
Myrtle	316.....	Franklin	" 23
Nanticoke	541.....	Nanticoke	" 12
New Bethlehem	522.....	New Bethlehem	" 27
New Castle	642.....	New Castle	" 26
New London	545.....	West Grove	" 36
New Milford	507.....	New Milford	" 15
Newport	381.....	Newport	" 19
Newtown	427.....	Newtown	" 8
Nicholson	438.....	Nicholson	" 15
Noble	480.....	Curwensville	" 21
Norristown	620.....	Norristown	" 6
North East	399.....	North East	" 24
North Star	241.....	Warren	" 23
Northern Star	555.....	Duke Center	" 22
Oakdale	669.....	Oakdale	" 47
Oakland	535.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Oasis	416.....	Edinboro	" 24

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Oil Creek	303.....	Titusville	No. 25
Old Fort	537.....	Center Hall	" 21
Olive	557.....	Tionesta	" 23
Olivet	607.....	Philadelphia	E
Orient	289.....	Philadelphia	G
Orient	590.....	Wilkinsburg	No. 38
Oriental	385.....	Philadelphia	C
Oriental	460.....	Orangeville	No. 35
Oriental Star	588.....	Peckville	" 13
Orrstown	262.....	Orrstown	" 3
Osceola	421.....	Elkland	" 17
Osceola	515.....	Osceola Mills	" 21
Ossea	317.....	Wellsboro	" 17
Oxford	353.....	Oxford	" 36
Page	270.....	Schuylkill Haven	" 11
Palestine	470.....	Philadelphia	C
Panther Valley	677.....	Lansford	No. 11
Parian	662.....	Beaver Falls	" 37
Park	676.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 32
Parker City	521.....	Parker's Landing	" 27
Patmos	348.....	Hanover	" 4
Patton	658.....	Patton	" 41
Patton, Thomas R.	659.....	Philadelphia	G
Pen Argyl	594.....	Pen Argyl	No. 50
Pennsylvania	380.....	Philadelphia	D
Perkins	402.....	Philadelphia	E
Perkiomen	595.....	East Greenville	No. 40
Perry	392.....	Erie	" 24
Perry	458.....	Marysville	" 19
Perseverance	21.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Petrolia	363.....	Oil City	" 23
Philadelphia	72.....	Philadelphia	H
Philanthropy	225.....	Greensburg	No. 30
Philates	527.....	Philadelphia	B
Phillips, Henry M.	337.....	Monongahela	No. 43
Philo	444.....	Philadelphia	B
Phœnix	75.....	Phœnixville	No. 40
Phœnix	130.....	Philadelphia	D
Pine	498.....	Linesville	No. 25
Pine Grove	409.....	Pine Grove	" 11
Pittsburgh	484.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Plymouth	332.....	Plymouth	" 12
Pollock	502.....	Tarentum	" 32
Portage	220.....	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Porter	284.....	Catasauqua	" 10

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Portland	311.....	Portland	No. 50
Potter	441.....	Philadelphia	H
Prince Edwin	486.....	Middletown	No. 2
Progress	609.....	Philadelphia	A
Prospect	578.....	Moore	No. 36
Prosperity	567.....	Riegelsville	" 9
Pulaski	216.....	Pottsville	" 11
Quakertown	512.....	Quakertown	" 8
Radiant Star	606.....	Philadelphia	C
Read, John M.	536.....	Reynoldsville	No. 27
Reading	549.....	Reading	" 7
Red Lion	649.....	Red Lion	" 42
Renovo	495.....	Renovo	" 33
Richmond	230.....	Philadelphia	F
Rising Star	126.....	Philadelphia	C
Riverside	503.....	Wrightsville	No. 42
Rochester	229.....	Rochester	" 37
Roman	418.....	Rome	" 16
Roxborough	135.....	Philadelphia	A
Royersford	585.....	Royersford	No. 40
Rural Amity	70.....	Athens	" 16
St. Alban	529.....	Philadelphia	G
St. James	457.....	Beaver	No. 37
St. John's	115.....	Philadelphia	E
St. John's	219.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
St. John's	233.....	Pittston	" 12
St. John's	260.....	Carlisle	" 3
St. John's	435.....	Reading	" 7
St. Paul's	481.....	Philadelphia	F
Salem	330.....	Hamlin	No. 14
Saucon	469.....	Coopersburg	" 10
Schiller	345.....	Scranton	" 13
Schnider, William B. .	419.....	Philadelphia	C
Schuylkill	138.....	Orwigsburg	No. 11
Scott, Lucius H.	352.....	Chester	" 36
Shamokin	255.....	Shamokin	" 46
Sharon	250.....	Sharon	" 26
Sharon	598.....	Shinglehouse	" 44
Sharpsville	517.....	Sharpsville	" 26
Shekinah	246.....	Philadelphia	A
Shenandoah	511.....	Shenandoah	No. 11
Shenango	668.....	Sharon	" 26
Shepherd	463.....	Titusville	" 25
Shidle	601.....	Irwin	" 30

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Shidle, Geter C.	650.....	Pittsburgh	No. 52
Shiloh	558.....	Lansdale	" 6
Shrewsbury	423.....	Shrewsbury	" 4
Skerrett	343.....	Cochranville	" 5
Slatington	440.....	Slatington	" 10
Smithfield	428.....	East Smithfield	" 16
Solomon	231.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Solomon's	114.....	Philadelphia	B
Somerset	358.....	Somerset	No. 41
Spartan	372.....	Spartansburg	" 25
Spring City	553.....	Spring City	" 40
Stichter	254.....	Pottstown	" 40
Stillwater	547.....	Sugar Grove	" 23
Stuckrath	430.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 32
Summit	312.....	Ebensburg	" 41
Sunset	623.....	Washington	" 29
Susquehanna	364.....	Millersburg	" 2
Swatara	267.....	Tremont	" 11
Swain, Charles M.	654.....	Philadelphia	D
Swissvale	656.....	Swissvale	No. 38
Sylvania	354.....	Shickshinny	" 12
Tacony	600.....	Philadelphia	G
Tamaqua	238.....	Tamaqua	No. 11
Temple	248.....	Tunkhannock	" 16
Temple	412.....	Tidioute	" 23
Temple	678.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Teutonia	367.....	Reading	" 7
Thomson	340.....	Green Tree Station	" 5
Tioga	373.....	Tioga	" 17
Trojan	306.....	Troy	" 16
Tyrian	362.....	Erie	" 24
Tyrian	612.....	Wilmerding	" 49
Tyrian	644.....	New Kensington	" 30
Tyrone	494.....	Tyrone	" 20
Union	108.....	Towanda	" 16
Union	121.....	Philadelphia	A
Union	259.....	New Brighton	No. 37
Union	291.....	Scranton	" 13
Union	324.....	Mifflintown	" 19
Union	334.....	Bradford	" 22
Union	479.....	Birdsboro	" 7
University	610.....	Philadelphia	H
Valley	459.....	Masontown	No. 31
Valley	499.....	Pittston	" 12
Valley	613.....	Turtle Creek	" 49

LODGES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Vaux	393.....	Philadelphia	C
Vaux	406.....	Hamburg	No. 7
Vaux, Richard	384.....	Philadelphia	H
Vaux, Richard	454.....	Burgettstown	No. 29
Verona	548.....	Verona	" 38
Wagner, George E.	639.....	St. Marys	" 33
Warren	240.....	Montrose	" 15
Warren	310.....	Collegeville	" 6
Washington	59.....	Philadelphia	A
Washington	156.....	Quarryville	No. 1
Washington	164.....	Washington	" 29
Washington	253.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Washington	265.....	Bloomsburg	" 35
Washington, George ...	143.....	Chambersburg	" 3
Waterford	425.....	Waterford	" 24
Watsontown	401.....	Watsontown	" 46
Wattsburg	533.....	Wattsburg	" 24
Waverly	301.....	Clark's Summit	" 13
Waymart	542.....	Waymart	" 14
Wayne	581.....	Wayne	" 6
Waynesburg	153.....	Waynesburg	" 29
Welcome	453.....	Philadelphia	A
West Chester	322.....	West Chester	No. 5
West Shore	681.....	Camp Hill	" 3
Western Crawford	258.....	Conneautville	" 25
Western Star	304.....	Albion	" 24
Westfield	477.....	Westfield	" 17
Westmoreland	518.....	Greensburg	" 30
Whitfield	622.....	Nazareth	" 50
Widener, Peter A. B....	671.....	Philadelphia	D
Wilcox	571.....	Wilcox	No. 33
Wilkinsburg	683.....	Wilkinsburg	" 38
Williams, Henry W.	624.....	Philadelphia	D
Williamson	307.....	Womelsdorf	No. 7
Williamson	309.....	Downingtown	" 5
Williamson	369.....	Philadelphia	F
Williamson	431.....	Saltsburg	No. 39
Williamson, Peter	323.....	Scranton	" 13
Woodbury	539.....	Roaring Spring	" 20
Woodlawn	672.....	Woodlawn	" 37
Wyalusing	618.....	Wyalusing	" 16
Wyoming	468.....	Wyoming	" 12
York	266.....	York	" 42
Youghiogheny	583.....	McKeesport	" 49
Zeredatha	448.....	Sharpsburg	" 32
Zeredatha	451.....	York	" 42

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	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
.....	2.....	Philadelphia	B
.....	3.....	Philadelphia	C
.....	9.....	Philadelphia	B
.....	22.....	Sunbury	No. 46
.....	43.....	Lancaster	" 1
.....	45.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
.....	51.....	Philadelphia	E
.....	61.....	Wilkes-Barre	No. 12
.....	62.....	Reading	" 7
.....	106.....	Williamsport	" 18
.....	408.....	Meadville	" 25
.....	432.....	Philadelphia	F
.....	682.....	Elizabethtown	No. 1
.....	684.....	Dormont	" 47

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Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.....	249	1	21	2	1	12	256
3	"	C	3d Tues.....	354	1	27	4	1	6	371
9	"	A	1st Fri.....	602		43	2	1	10	632
19	Montgomery	"	D	1st Thur.	309		21	2	2	10	316
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon.....	607	11	29	3	1	5	638
22	.....	Sunbury	46	*	230		19	2		5	242
25	Bristol.....	Bristol.....	8	Sat. F. M.	206		13	1	2	5	211
43	.....	Lancaster.....	1	2d Wed.....	356		13	1	1	7	360
45	.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	Last Wed....	609	2	42	2	6	13	632
51	.....	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur.	147		7	1	1	1	151
52	Harmony	"	D	1st Mon.....	372	3	27		2	5	395
59	Washington.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	777	1	40	5	3	15	795
60	Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	31	1st Mon.....	204		16	3	1	3	213
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	1st Mon.....	471	4	20	20	5	6	464
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon.....	376		9	3		7	375
67	Concordia.....	Philadelphia	C	3d Thur.....	564	7	49	3	1	5	611
70	Rural Amity.....	Athens	16	Tues. F. M....	357	1	12		2	2	366
71	La Fayette.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed.....	295	3	24	4	1	8	309
72	Philadelphia	"	H	3d Thur.....	272	1	18	3		6	282
75	Phoenix.....	Phoenixville....	40	Sat. F. M.	302	1	15	8	2	6	302
81	Hiram.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.....	218		21	1	1	3	234
91	Columbia	"	C	4th Mon.....	193		14	3	2	8	194
106	.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Mon.....	519	4	35	1		9	548
108	Union.....	Towanda.....	16	3d Wed.....	250	3	14	4		4	259
114	Solomon's.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Fri.....	297		13	2	1	8	299
115	St. John's.....	"	E	2d Mon.....	511	1	29	4	1	6	530
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.....	179	4	13			8	188
125	Hermann	"	E	2d Wed.....	328	2	20			11	339
126	Rising Star.....	"	C	2d Mon.....	323		5			8	320
130	Phoenix.....	"	D	3d Wed.....	317		19		1	15	320
131	Industry.....	"	G	2d Mon.....	318	2	31	4		2	345
134	Franklin.....	"	F	†	194		10			7	197
135	Roxborough.....	"	B	2d Tues.....	517		33	1	1	8	540
138	Schuylkill.....	Orwigsburg	11	Last Mon....	111		10	2	1	2	116

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday ; then Monday.

† No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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143	George Washington	Chambersburg...	3	2d Fri.....	249	2	23	1	1	6	266
144	Charity.....	Lewisburg.....	18	2d Tues.....	134		2			1	135
152	Easton.....	Easton.....	9	1st Thur.....	261	2	17		2	5	273
153	Waynesburg.....	Waynesburg.....	29	2d Mon.....	216	3	8	1	1	3	222
155	Mount Moriah.....	Philadelphia.....	B	4th Tues.....	689	3	59	8	4	11	728
156	Washington.....	Quarryville.....	1	Fri. F. M....	114		8				122
158	Meridian Sun.....	Philadelphia.....	D	1st Tues.....	849	1	63	8	2	14	889
163	Evergreen.....	Monroeton.....	16	Tues. F. M....	207		8			2	213
164	Washington.....	Washington.....	29	1st Mon.....	234	3	21		3	5	250
186	Eastern Star.....	Philadelphia.....	C	2d Wed.....	249		21	2		8	260
187	Integrity.....	".....	D	2d Thur.....	259		15	2		6	266
190	Charity.....	Norristown.....	6	1st Mon.....	509	4	18	1		6	524
194	La Fayette.....	Selinsgrove.....	46	Fri. F. M....	154		6			1	159
197	Cumberland Star...	Carlisle.....	3	2d Tues.....	225		10		2	3	230
199	La Fayette.....	Lock Haven.....	33	2d Thur.....	241	2	13	2	2	3	249
203	Lewistown.....	Lewistown.....	19	2d Tues.....	277		23	6		4	290
211	Kensington.....	Philadelphia.....	F	1st Fri.....	562		34	4	2	12	578
216	Pulaski.....	Pottsville.....	11	3d Mon.....	270		18			5	283
218	Honesdale.....	Honesdale.....	14	Thur. F. M....	158	1	14	1	2	6	164
219	St. John's.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	2d Thur.....	648	3	47	11	4	12	671
220	Portage.....	Hollidaysburg...	20	1st Tues.....	158		7			2	163
221	Franklin.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	3d Thur.....	564	2	14		7	12	561
222	Minersville.....	Minersville.....	11	2d Thur.....	98		9			3	104
223	Allegheny.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Mon.....	479		18	1	10	7	479
224	Danville.....	Danville.....	35	3d Tues.....	160		6	2	1	8	155
225	Philanthropy.....	Greensburg.....	30	2d Mon.....	207		3		1	4	205
226	Mount Lebanon...	Lebanon.....	2	3d Thur.....	344		13	1		4	352
227	Chandler.....	Reading.....	7	1st Tues.....	515	2	18	1	1	13	520
228	Fayette.....	Uniontown.....	31	2d Mon.....	271	5	8	4	2	3	275
229	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	37	1st Fri.....	318	2	35		3	4	348
230	Richmond.....	Philadelphia.....	F	2d Wed.....	379	1	21	5	1	11	384
231	Solomon.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	1st Thur.....	187		10			6	191
232	La Belle Vallée...	Jersey Shore....	18	1st Fri.....	222	2	24	1		2	245
233	St. John's.....	Pittston.....	12	Tues. F. M....	242		29	4		6	261
234	Crawford.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Thur.....	177		9	7	3	2	174
236	Chester.....	Chester.....	36	1st Thur.....	494		15	3	1	10	495
237	Beallsville.....	Beallsville.....	29	Wed. F. M....	131		10		3	1	137
238	Tamaqua.....	Tamaqua.....	11	2d Fri.....	262		7		1	7	261
239	Armstrong.....	Freeport.....	27	3d Mon.....	104		4			1	107
240	Warren.....	Montrose.....	15	Wed. F. M....	119	1	17		1	2	134
241	North Star.....	Warren.....	23	3d Thur.....	359		14			6	367
242	Carbon.....	Mauch Chunk...	45	2d Wed.....	138		2			3	137
243	Mahoning.....	New Castle.....	26	4th Tues.....	381	1	15	2	1	7	387
244	Kittanning.....	Kittanning.....	27	1st Tues.....	184	3	12	2	1	4	192
245	Doylestown.....	Doylestown.....	8	Fri. F. M....	247		10		1	6	250
246	Shekinah.....	Philadelphia.....	A	3d Mon.....	621	5	18	2	2	17	623

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247	Friendship.....	Mansfield	17	Mon. F. M....	124	1	11		2	1	133
248	Temple.....	Tunkhannock ...	16	Mon. F. M....	207	1	3			4	207
249	Carbondale.....	Carbondale.....	13	1st Wed.....	318	5	53	1	4	4	367
250	Sharon.....	Sharon	26	1st Fri.....	305		22	4	1	3	319
252	Gummert.....	Fayette City.....	31	Mon. F. M....	171	1	7		2	3	174
253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Tues....	551	2	60	4	1	9	599
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	336		9	1		2	342
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.....	46	1st Fri.....	342		23			4	361
256	Milton.....	Milton.....	46	1st Mon.....	211	1	4	1	2	3	210
258	Western Crawford.	Conneautville ...	25	1st Mon.....	83		2		1	4	80
259	Union.....	New Brighton ..	37	1st Tues.....	194		5		3		196
260	St. John's.....	Carlisle.....	3	3d Thur.....	231		2			3	230
261	Hiram.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Thur.....	267	2	13	1	2	5	274
262	Orrstown.....	Orrstown.....	3	Thur. F. M....	62		1	1		1	61
263	Franklin.....	Laceyville.....	16	Tues. F. M....	100	3	2			2	103
264	Columbus.....	Columbus.....	23	Thur. F. M....	44					2	42
265	Washington.....	Bloomsburg	35	3d Mon.....	252		11	8		5	250
266	York	York.....	42	*	263	2	17	4		5	273
267	Swatara.....	Tremont	11	2d Thur.....	133		8			2	139
268	Bellefonte.....	Bellefonte.....	21	Tues. F. M....	219		9	6	2	3	217
269	Monongahela.....	Pittsburgh	47	1st Fri.....	664	1	36		3	9	689
270	Page	Schuylkill Haven	11	2d Fri.....	175	1	6	2	1	2	177
271	Keystone.....	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.....	329	1	47	3	3	3	368
272	Butler.....	Butler.....	27	1st Thur.....	346	2	24	4	2	7	359
273	Cassia.....	Ardmore.....	6	1st Thur.....	468	1	28	3	3	5	486
274	Hamilton	Philadelphia	G	4th Tues.....	448		44	3	1	10	478
275	Loyalhanna.....	Latrobe.....	30	1st Mon.....	159		8	2		2	163
276	Hobah	Brookville.....	27	2d Mon.....	190		19		1	5	203
277	Clarion	Clarion	27	1st Mon.....	201	1	9	8	2	7	194
278	Cambria	Johnstown	41	2d Tues.....	405		22	4	1	7	415
281	Mountain	Altoona.....	20	3d Tues.....	340		16	2		3	351
282	Juniata.....	Holidaysburg ...	20	2d Mon.....	148	1	8			4	153
283	Bethlehem.....	Bethlehem	9	1st Tues.....	251	1	17		2	4	263
284	Porter	Catasauqua.....	10	1st Fri.....	206		16	1		7	214
285	Anthracite.....	St. Clair.....	11	3d Wed.....	117		3			2	118
286	Columbia	Columbia	1	1st Thur.....	224		9			6	227
287	Milnor	Pittsburgh	51	3d Tues.....	912	8	83	7	8	13	975
288	Jefferson	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Wed.....	166	1	13	1		6	173
289	Orient	Philadelphia	G	4th Fri.....	333	2	23		1	8	349
290	Eureka	Greenville.....	26	1st Mon.....	231	2	8		2	1	238
291	Union.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Fri.....	547	8	30	11	2	8	564
292	Frankford.....	Philadelphia	H	2d Tues.....	449	6	37	1		7	484
294	Ashland	Ashland	11	2d Thur.....	210		9			3	216
295	Melita.....	Philadelphia	H	4th Wed.....	706	2	50	9	7	6	736
296	Mitchell	"	A	2d Thur.....	441	7	50	4	1	7	486
297	Chartiers.....	Canonsburg	29	2d Mon.....	138		16		1	2	151
298	Geo. W. Bartram..	Media	36	2d Mon.....	233	1	10			5	239

* No. 266 meets Tuesday after first Monday.

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299	Muncy.....	Muncy	18	1st Thur.....	216		14				230
300	Mount Moriah.....	Huntingdon.....	34	2d Mon.....	195	1	11			1	206
301	Waverly.....	Clark's Summit..	13	Tues. F. M....	150		9	6	1	4	148
302	Eureka	Mechanicsburg ..	3	1st Mon.....	198	1	11		7	6	197
303	Oil Creek	Titusville	25	1st Tues.....	161	1	3	1		5	159
304	Western Star.....	Albion.....	24	3d Tues.....	113		3			1	115
305	Hawley.....	Hawley.....	14	Tues. F. M....	88		1	1		1	87
306	Trojan.....	Troy.....	16	2d Tues.....	142	3	8		1	2	150
307	Williamson.....	Womelsdorf.....	7	1st Thur.....	183		19			3	199
308	Fort Washington..	Fort Washington	8	3d Sat.....	123		4		1	3	123
309	Williamson.....	Downingtown...	5	Fri. F. M....	146	3	14		2	2	159
310	Warren.....	Collegeville	6	Sat. F. M....	160	2	11	1		1	171
311	Portland.....	Portland.....	50	2d Thur.....	111		7			1	117
312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	257		15	4	4	5	259
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	186	1	7	1		2	191
314	Clearfield	Clearfield.....	21	1st Fri	196	7	8	6		2	203
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	94			1		1	92
316	Myrtle.....	Franklin.....	23	1st Mon.....	288	8	6	10	1	6	285
317	Ossea.....	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	220	2	18	1	2		237
318	McKinley.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	1st Tues.....	523	2	23	4	3	11	530
319	Adams.....	New Bloomfield .	19	Wed. F. M....	77	3	8			1	87
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur	167		6			4	169
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	48	3d Tues.....	480	1	33	3	7	2	502
322	West Chester.....	West Chester.....	5	1st Mon.....	267		15	3	1	6	272
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton.....	13	1st Tues.....	610	7	28	6	5	7	627
324	Union	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	147		4			3	148
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	50	1st Tues.....	220		7	3	1	3	220
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown.....	10	Tues. F. M....	122		7	1		2	126
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Mon.....	305		27			6	326
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M....	56		3		1		58
330	Salem.....	Hamlin.....	14	Mon. F. M....	119	2	7		1	2	125
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M..	118		4			1	121
332	Plymouth.....	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M....	137		4			1	140
333	Barger.....	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	305		15			8	312
334	Union	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	399	4	16	8	3	7	401
335	Eureka	Montoursville ...	18	Fri. b. F. M..	135		4			2	137
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	151	1	16		1	3	164
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	43	2d Tues.....	242	2	19	6	3	5	249
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	84	1	9	6			88
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton	13	1st Mon.....	480	1	37	8		5	505
340	Thomson.....	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M....	215	1	17		1	6	226
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	15	Mon. F. M....	150	1	9		2	1	157
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	44	2d Wed.....	211		10	5		5	211
343	Skerrett.....	Cochranville.....	5	Tues. F. M....	157		12	1		4	164
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M....	86	4	10	1			99
345	Schiller	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.....	401	2	20	15	1	4	403

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346	King Solomon's ...	Connellsville	31	1st Tues.	264		14		1	2	275
347	Lake Erie.....	Girard.....	24	1st Wed.	141		10			2	149
348	Patmos.....	Hanover.....	4	2d Tues.	192		10		1	2	199
349	Catawissa.....	Catawissa.....	35	1st Tues.	120	2	8				130
350	Bloss.....	Blossburg.....	17	Sat. F. M. ...	206		8		4	3	207
351	Cowanesque.....	Knoxville.....	17	Wed. F. M. ...	95	1	4	1	1		98
352	Lucius H. Scott....	Chester.....	36	1st Tues.	376	2	19	3	1	5	388
353	Oxford.....	Oxford.....	36	Wed. F. M. ...	194		4			6	192
354	Sylvania.....	Shickshinny.....	12	1st Mon.	114		9		1		122
355	Acacia.....	Blairsville.....	39	2d Thur.	158	2	4			2	162
357	Mahanoy City.....	Mahanoy City....	11	3d Thur.	126		5		1	3	127
358	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	41	2d Tues.	177	2	8			1	186
359	Humboldt.....	Philadelphia....	E	4th Thur.	183		20			2	201
360	Canawacta.....	Susquehanna....	15	1st Fri.	168		4	15	1	2	154
361	Big Spring.....	Newville.....	3	2d Thur.	103		11		1		113
362	Tyrian.....	Erie.....	24	1st Fri.	280	2	20	3	3	5	291
363	Petrolia.....	Oil City.....	23	1st Fri.	478	1	14	1		5	487
364	Susquehanna.....	Millersburg.....	2	1st Fri.	106	1	29		1	1	134
365	Corry.....	Corry.....	24	1st Tues.	137		8			4	141
366	Eureka.....	Union City.....	24	1st Fri.	102		1				103
367	Teutonia.....	Reading.....	7	3d Thur.	113	2	9	1	2	1	120
368	Corinthian.....	Philadelphia....	A	3d Tues.	227	1	7	2	1	4	228
369	Williamson.....	".....	F	3d Thur.	214	1	11	2		8	216
370	Mifflinburg.....	Mifflinburg.....	18	Mon. F. M. ...	109		5		1	3	110
371	Lamberton.....	Thompstontown..	19	Mon. F. M. ...	43		1			1	43
372	Spartan.....	Spartansburg....	25	1st Mon.	64	1	2				67
373	Tioga.....	Tioga.....	17	3d Thur.	102	1	6	2	2	3	102
374	Davage.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Thur.	422	2	25	1	3	7	438
375	Alliquippa.....	McKeesport.....	49	1st Tues.	388	3	11		4	3	395
376	McVeytown.....	McVeytown.....	19	1st Tues.	69		3			3	69
377	Huguenot.....	Kutztown.....	7	Sat. F. M. ...	185	1	17			2	201
378	Mount Carmel.....	Mt. Carmel.....	46	2d Thur.	128		3			2	129
379	Elk.....	Ridgway.....	33	2d Tues.	244		13	2	1		254
380	Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia....	D	1st Tues.	243	2	25	2	2	3	263
381	Newport.....	Newport.....	19	2d Tues.	109	1	3		1	4	108
382	Emporium.....	Emporium.....	33	2d Tues.	138		9	2	1	1	143
383	Goddard.....	Coatesville.....	5	1st Tues.	213		4	1		3	213
384	Richard Vaux	Philadelphia....	H	1st Mon.	442	3	40		3	5	477
385	Oriental.....	".....	C	1st Thur.	857		79			18	918
386	Apollo.....	".....	E	3d Wed.	456	2	25	4	1	9	469
388	McKean.....	Smethport.....	22	2d Wed.	134		4		1		137
389	Kedron.....	West Middlesex..	26	1st Mon.	73		6	1	1		77
390	McCandless.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	2d Wed.	435	1	32	7	2	6	453
391	Moshannon.....	Philipsburg.....	21	2d Thur.	213	1	8			4	218
392	Perry.....	Erie.....	24	2d Tues.	318	4	20	3	1	6	332
393	Vaux.....	Philadelphia....	C	4th Tues.	390	3	26			7	412
395	Kingston.....	Kingston.....	12	2d Wed.	288	2	21		1	5	305
396	Dallas.....	Easton.....	9	1st Tues.	314	3	15	1	1	4	326
397	Ivy.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Tues.	427	1	35		4	4	455
398	Ashara.....	Marietta.....	1	Mon. F. M. ...	100		7		4	3	100

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399	North East.....	North East.....	24	1st Wed.....	180		12		1	3	188
400	Friendship.....	Jenkintown.....	8	2d Tues.....	364	4	15	4	1	3	375
401	Watson town.....	Watson town.....	46	Tues. F. M... 135	1	11				5	142
402	Perkins.....	Philadelphia.....	E	1st Fri.....	364		9	2	2	4	365
404	Eureka.....	Northumberland..	46	3d Mon.....	103		6			1	108
405	Howell.....	Honey Brook....	5	Wed. F. M... 140	1	8				5	144
406	Vaux.....	Hamburg.....	7	2d Thur.....	194		12		1	1	204
408	.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Mon.....	155	1	11		3	4	160
409	Pine Grove.....	Pine Grove.....	11	1st Mon.....	80		3	1		3	79
410	W. K. Bray.....	Hatboro.....	8	Wed. F. M... 162		7	3			3	163
411	Meridian.....	Enon Valley.....	37	Fri. F. M... 89		12	2	1	2	96	
412	Temple.....	Tidioute.....	23	2d Tues.....	72		1			1	72
413	Manoquesy.....	Bath.....	50	2d Thur.....	86		3		1	2	86
414	Elysburg.....	Elysburg.....	46	Thur. F. M... 65		4	1			2	66
415	Canton.....	Canton.....	16	Tues. F. M... 152		5		1	2	154	
416	Oasis.....	Edinboro.....	24	2d Tues.....	61		2			1	62
417	Christiana.....	Christiana.....	1	Thur. F. M... 187	1	12				3	197
418	Roman.....	Rome.....	16	Sat. F. M... 65						4	61
419	Wm. B. Schnider..	Philadelphia.....	C	2d Tues.....	583		26		1	6	602
420	Fritz.....	Conshohocken....	6	3d Tues.....	258		36		1	7	286
421	Osceola.....	Elkland.....	17	2d Fri.....	94	1	5			1	99
423	Shrewsbury.....	Shrewsbury.....	4	Tues. F. M... 109	1	5			1	2	112
424	Adelphic.....	Jamestown.....	26	1st Tues.....	90	1	13	2		1	101
425	Waterford.....	Waterford.....	24	Tues. F. M... 100	2	10	2			1	109
426	Cressona.....	Cressona.....	11	Thur. F. M... 84		2				2	84
427	Newtown.....	Newtown.....	8	Wed. F. M... 122	1	4			1		126
428	Smithfield.....	East Smithfield..	16	Fri. F. M... 44	2	4	2	1	2	45	
429	Harmony.....	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M... 104	1	7	3			2	107
430	Stuckrath.....	Pittsburgh, N. S..	32	2d Thur.....	645		33		4	13	661
431	Williamson.....	Saltsburg.....	39	1st Tues.....	79		7	1		1	84
432	.....	Philadelphia.....	F	2d Thur.....	364		30	3		13	378
433	Lodge of the Craft..	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	367	1	20		1	8	379
434	Lake.....	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	186	2	5	3	1	2	187
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	330		18	1	2	4	341
436	Mozart.....	Philadelphia.....	G	2d Tues.....	452	2	24	2	3	14	459
437	Apollo.....	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	103		7		1	3	106
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M... 116		5	2			4	115
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon.....	94	1	2	1		1	95
440	Slatington.....	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M... 147		13				3	157
441	Potter.....	Philadelphia.....	H	3d Fri.....	612	1	43	2		16	638
442	Landmark.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	2d Mon.....	492	5	23	8	1	8	503
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M... 108		9				1	116
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia.....	B	3d Tues.....	369	2	14	2	4	8	371
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thur. F. M... 102	1	3	3			3	100
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan..	40	Mon. b. F. M. 157		5			1	2	159
447	Claysville.....	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M... 82		6	1	2	4	81	
448	Zeredatha.....	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur.....	400		26	2	4	5	415
449	Ivanhoe.....	Philadelphia.....	G	2d Thur.....	480	1	35	5	2	8	501

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450	Stephen Girard	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed	412	3	33	2		6	440
451	Zeredatha	York	42	*	255		20		1	5	269
453	Welcome	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur.	301	1	31	3	2	8	320
454	Richard Vaux	Burgettstown	29	4th Fri.	149		7	2			154
455	Keystone	Erie	24	3d Tues.	340	6	19	3	4	6	352
456	Covenant	Philadelphia	H	2d Tues.	395	4	30	2	3	7	417
457	St. James	Beaver	37	Thur. F. M. . . .	209	2	25	1	4	7	224
458	Perry	Marysville	19	1st Tues.	121	1	3	1		1	123
459	Valley	Masontown	31	Thur. F. M. . . .	152	1	10		2	2	159
460	Oriental	Orangeville	35	F. M. Tues. . . .	62		4	5	1		60
461	Monongahela Valley	California	43	3d Mon.	139		1	2		4	134
462	Knapp	Berwick	35	1st Fri.	257		17	1	2	4	267
463	Shepherd	Titusville	25	1st Mon.	139	1	11	3	1	1	146
464	Robert Burns	Harrisburg	2	3d Thur.	643	3	24	3	3	6	658
465	Hebron	New Oxford	4	3d Mon.	104		3		1		106
466	Kingsbury	Olyphant	13	1st Fri.	151		7		1	2	155
467	Laurel	White Haven	45	Mon. F. M. . . .	75	1	3	2		5	72
468	Wyoming	Wyoming	12	Last Fri.	146		5	1	1	3	146
469	Saucon	Coopersburg	10	Tues. F. M. . . .	83		6		1	4	84
470	Palestine	Philadelphia	C	2d Thur.	342		21	6		5	352
471	Le Ray	Le Raysville	16	Sat. F. M. . . .	50		1			3	48
472	Mount Hermon	Uniondale	15	Fri. F. M. . . .	75		1	1	1		74
473	Covenant	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d Fri.	166	1	1	1		4	163
474	Coalville	Ashley	12	2d Tues.	187		5	5		3	184
475	Kennett	Kennett Square . . .	36	Thur. F. M. . . .	170		15			1	184
476	Lamberton	Lancaster	1	1st Tues.	349	1	11	1	3	4	353
477	Westfield	Westfield	17	Tues. F. M. . . .	138	3	9	5			145
478	Beaver Valley	Beaver Falls	37	3d Tues.	198		8			1	205
479	Union	Birdsboro	7	Thur. F. M. . . .	146		11			1	156
480	Noble	Curwensville	21	Tues. F. M. . . .	124		10	1	2	2	129
481	St. Paul's	Philadelphia	F	1st Thur.	585	2	31	8	6	13	591
482	Athelstan	"	E	1st Tues.	271	3	25	1		3	295
483	Fraternal	Rouseville	23	1st Wed.	113	1	1		2	2	111
484	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	51	2d Mon.	705	1	37	1	3	15	724
485	Glasgow	Midland	37	Tues. F. M. . . .	86		12	4	1	1	92
486	Prince Edwin	Middletown	2	1st Mon.	121		10			3	128
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia	F	1st Tues.	362		23		1	5	379
490	Logan	Altoona	20	1st Tues.	389	3	17			4	405
491	Excelsior	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.	372		26	5	1	3	389
493	Crescent	"	A	2d Mon.	367	2	24	1	1	4	387
494	Tyrone	Tyrone	20	3d Mon.	261		11	1		3	268
495	Renovo	Renovo	33	1st Tues.	191	2	14	1	2	4	200
496	Charles M. Howell .	Millersville	1	Fri. F. M. . . .	128		2		3	2	125
498	Pine	Linesville	25	1st Tues.	100	1	7		1	4	103
499	Valley	Pittston	12	1st Thur.	233		3		1	4	231
500	Wm C. Hamilton .	Philadelphia	F	3d Wed.	699	4	46	6	2	17	724
502	Pollock	Tarentum	32	1st Thur.	287		11	2		3	293
503	Riverside	Wrightsville	42	3d Mon.	78		3		2	2	77

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504	Moscow	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M.....	99		8	1			106
505	Liberty	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues.....	109	1	3	4	2	2	105
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia	H	2d Thur.....	484	1	43			8	520
507	New Milford.....	New Milford	15	3d Wed.....	55		3			1	57
508	Dallas	Pittsburgh	51	1st Fri.....	1112	6	80	5	11	10	1172
509	Germania	"	47	2d Fri.....	200		10	3		4	203
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock	38	3d Tues.....	434	2	14	8		7	435
511	Shenandoah	Shenandoah	11	Wed. b. F. M.	112		2		1	2	111
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown.....	8	2d Thur.....	142		8	2		4	144
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh	47	3d Tues.....	284		10	1	2	5	286
515	Osceola	Osceola Mills...	21	2d Mon.....	199		2		1	3	197
516	Mahoning	Danville	35	2d Tues.....	174	1	7		1	1	180
517	Sharpsville	Sharpsville	26	1st Thur.....	85		1			3	83
518	Westmoreland	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues.....	205		10	2		2	211
519	Gothic	Philadelphia	E	3d Thur.....	323	1	16		1	7	332
520	Canby	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	107		9			2	114
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	97		5			3	99
522	New Bethlehem ...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Thur.....	174	1	3		2	2	174
523	Aurora	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	94		3	1	1	2	93
524	Everett	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	174		15	1		1	187
525	Ionic.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Mon	582	1	32	5	2	9	599
526	Stephen Bayard....	Elizabeth	43	3d Mon.....	191	1	11			4	199
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia	B	2d Fri.....	242	1	21	3	1	6	254
528	Mount Horeb.....	"	F	2d Tues.....	345	2	12	5	4	5	345
529	St. Alban.....	"	G	1st Thur.....	353	1	28	3		6	373
530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue	53	3d Mon.....	493	3	35	8	8	4	511
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas	12	Thur. F. M...	87		3			1	89
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	96	3	1	1		1	98
533	Wattsburg	Wattsburg	24	2d Fri.....	45		4		1		48
534	John W. Jenks....	Punxsutawney ..	21	1st Tues.....	197	1	8	1	2	2	201
535	Oakland	Pittsburgh	51	1st Mon.....	209		7	2	1	1	212
536	John M. Read.....	Reynoldsville...	27	2d Tues.....	93		1			1	93
537	Old Fort	Center Hall	21	Mon. F. M....	92		9	1		1	99
538	Johnstown	Johnstown	41	1st Thur.....	330	1	22		3	3	347
539	Woodbury	Roaring Spring..	20	Thur. F. M...	130		4	6		2	126
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	Wed. F. M...	171	2	4			2	175
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	204	6	12		1	3	218
542	Waymart	Waymart	14	Tues. F. M...	52		1	1	1	2	49
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Thur.....	541	3	39	5	1	8	569
544	Centennial	Carnegie	47	1st Mon.....	370	3	21		2	6	386
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M...	112		6	1			117
546	Duquesne	Pittsburgh	48	2d Thur.....	532	1	18	5	6	5	535
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove.....	23	Fri. F. M....	60	1	3	1		1	62
548	Verona	Verona	38	1st Tues.....	161	1	14		2	1	173
549	Reading	Reading	7	2d Thur.....	355		22	3	1	3	370
550	Edenburg	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	64		2				66
551	Casiphia	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M....	100		11	1	33	1	76
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Tues.....	133	1	14		1	1	146
553	Spring City	Spring City	40	1st Thur.....	161		7			2	166
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	206		14		3	3	214

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555	Northern Star	Duke Center	22	1st Tues.	80	3	2		2	1	82
556	Lewisville.	Ulysses	44	1st Wed.	95		16	5	2	1	103
557	Olive.	Tionesta	23	2d Mon.	100		3			1	102
558	Shiloh	Lansdale.	6	2d Tues.	215	1	23	1	1	2	235
559	Garfield.	Du Bois.	21	1st Thur.	247	1	2		1	1	248
560	Eldred.	Eldred.	22	2d Tues.	55	1	2	1	1	2	54
561	Greenleaf	Allentown	10	3d Thur.	394		35	1		3	425
562	Marion	Scottdale.	30	2d Thur.	192		5	2		1	194
563	Hellertown.	Hellertown.	9	3d Fri.	94		4			1	97
564	Coatesville	Coatesville	5	2d Thur.	230		11		1	4	236
565	Bangor	Bangor.	50	2d Wed.	133		7		1	3	136
566	Kane	Kane.	22	1st Wed.	158	1	8		3	4	160
567	Prosperity.	Riegelsville	9	Fri. F. M.	84		3		1	1	85
568	La Monte.	Derry Station.	30	1st Thur.	104		5				109
569	Keystone.	Parkesburg.	5	F. M. Fri.	111		4	3		3	109
570	Ashlar.	Lykens	2	Tues. F. M.	150		7		2	3	152
571	Wilcox	Wilcox	33	1st Tues.	61		3	3		1	60
572	Cromwell.	Orbisonia	34	Last Tues.	87	1	2	3	1	3	83
573	Corinthian.	Millvale Borough	32	4th Tues.	194		7	1	1	2	197
574	Coalport.	Coalport	21	4th Mon.	127		8	4	1	1	129
575	Hebron.	Mercer.	26	2d Mon.	134		7		1	4	136
576	Crescent	Pittsburgh	52	2d Tues.	311	4	17		9	5	318
577	Leechburg	Leechburg	27	2d Thur.	96		6			1	101
578	Prospect	Moore.	36	1st Thur.	281	3	34		1	1	316
579	Acacia.	Taylor.	13	1st Mon.	223	2	32	5		2	250
580	Arcana	Austin.	44	4th Wed.	84		6	2	2	2	84
581	Wayne	Wayne	6	3d Tues.	138		4		3	1	138
582	Homestead.	Homestead	38	3d Mon.	455	2	44	2	4	3	492
583	Youghiogheny.	McKeesport.	49	3d Tues.	420	1	28	3	1	6	439
584	King Solomon.	Dunmore.	13	1st Mon.	174		16	2		1	187
585	Royersford	Royersford	40	2d Fri.	119	1	15			2	133
586	Acacia.	Waynesboro.	4	3d Fri.	143		5	3		2	143
587	Manheim	Manheim	1	Mon. F. M.	131		3		4		130
588	Oriental Star	Peckville	13	2d Tues.	136	1	8	1			144
589	Hyndman.	Hyndman.	34	3d Mon.	70	1	4				75
590	Orient.	Wilkinsburg	38	1st Tues.	580	4	37	3	4	6	608
591	Equity	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.	288	3	27	4		2	312
592	Adelpha.	Harrison Valley.	44	2d Tues.	45		4	1		1	47
593	Blyth.	West Newton	30	Mon. F. M.	153		10		1	1	161
594	Pen Argyl	Pen Argyl	50	1st Thur.	84		14			2	96
595	Perkiomen	East Greenville.	40	F. M. Tues.	77		6			1	82
596	MacCalla	Sellersville	8	2d Mon.	118		2			1	119
597	Green Ridge.	Scranton	13	2d Fri.	275	3	33	4	1	3	303
598	Sharon	Shinglehouse	44	2d Thur.	110		2	3	1		108
599	Ellwood	Ellwood City.	26	2d Tues.	142		2			1	143
600	Tacony	Philadelphia	G	3d Tues.	272	4	24	4		9	287
601	Shidle	Irwin	30	1st Tues.	179		8		1	2	184
602	Galeton.	Galeton.	44	1st Tues.	166		15	1	1	2	177
603	Grove City.	Grove City.	26	3d Tues.	192	1	7	3	5	1	191
604	Garfield	McDonald	29	2d Tues.	162		18	1	6	3	170

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605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.	341		29		1	2	367
606	Radiant Star.	"	C	4th Mon.	185		9	3	1	1	189
607	Olivet	"	E	4th Tues.	530	1	38	1	3	10	555
608	Joppa	Pittsburgh	48	1st Tues.	278	2	19		5	3	291
609	Progress	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	413	3	38	5		2	447
610	University.	"	H	4th Fri.	1092	7	69	8	5	7	1148
611	Arbutus	Freeland	45	3d Tues.	116	1	7			2	122
612	Tyrian	Wilmerding	49	1st Thur.	303		17		1	4	315
613	Valley	Turtle Creek. . . .	49	2d Tues.	219	1	12	1	2	2	227
614	James Cochran	Dawson.	31	2d Tues.	78	2	2	4	2		76
615	Charleroi.	Charleroi.	43	2d Thur.	230		12	9	1	1	231
616	Hiram	Altoona.	20	3d Thur.	187	2	12	2	2	1	196
617	Kiskiminetas.	Vandergrift	39	1st Tues.	172		7		1	7	171
618	Wyalusing.	Wyalusing.	16	Fri. F. M.	93		4			1	96
619	Middleburg	Middleburg	46	*	96		2	5		1	92
620	Norristown	Norristown.	6	3d Mon.	331	2	13	2	1	1	342
621	Lehighton	Lehighton	45	1st Thur.	147		5			1	151
622	Whitfield.	Nazareth.	50	2d Mon.	98	1	8			1	106
623	Sunset	Washington.	29	3d Mon.	162	3	17		1		181
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia	D	2d Tues.	149		13	2	1	1	158
625	Concord.	Concordville. . . .	36	Wed. F. M.	116		4		1	1	118
626	Donora	Donora.	43	3d Tues.	137		2				139
627	Mount Jewett.	Mount Jewett	22	4th Mon.	93	1	2		1	2	93
628	J. Simpson Africa . . .	East Stroudsburg. .	50	4th Thur.	147	1	11	2		1	156
629	Harrisburg.	Harrisburg.	2	1st Thur.	265	2	12		1	5	273
630	Doric.	Sewickley.	53	2d Thur.	164	3	22		6	1	182
631	Colonial	Philadelphia	H	1st Fri.	76	1	5				82
632	Maclay	Sunbury.	46	†	210	1	17		3	2	223
633	Acacia	Marienville	23	1st Wed.	69						69
634	Fort Pitt.	Pittsburgh	48	1st Mon.	344		41	2	6	1	376
635	Homewood.	"	48	3d Mon.	377		32	2	2	2	403
636	Michael Arnold. . . .	Philadelphia	G	3d Mon.	256	1	25	1	1	5	275
637	Chapman.	Northampton	9	2d Wed.	148		13			1	160
638	Monessen.	Monessen.	43	1st Tues.	169		8			1	176
639	George E. Wagner	Saint Marys.	33	1st Mon.	113	1	5		1		118
640	East Brady.	East Brady.	27	1st Thur.	112	1	2	2	1	4	108
641	McKeesport.	McKeesport.	49	2d Fri.	260	1	12			2	271
642	New Castle.	New Castle.	26	1st Mon.	219	1	13	1		1	231
643	Belle Vernon.	Belle Vernon. . . .	43	1st Mon.	99	1	7			2	105
644	Tyrian.	New Kensington. . .	30	2d Tues.	127	2	8			1	136
645	Conrad B. Day	Philadelphia	G	2d Fri.	118	2	11			1	130
646	William L. Elkins. . .	"	H	1st Thur.	315	3	34	2	1	3	346
647	Beta.	Wilkinsburg	38	2d Mon.	345	1	25		5		366
648	H. Stanley Goodwin	South Bethlehem . .	9	3d Wed.	182	2	14			1	197
649	Red Lion.	Red Lion	42	Thur. F. M.	105		11				116
650	Geter C. Shidle. . . .	Pittsburgh	52	2d Fri.	213	2	43	4	2	1	251

* No. 619 meets evening before Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Monday; then that evening.

† No. 632 meets first Tuesday, except when Moon is full on that day: then next evening.

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651	Laurel.....	Uniontown	31	1st Mon.....	86		3	1			88
652	La Fayette.....	Carnegie.....	47	1st Tues.....	225		17	1	1	1	239
653	Crafton.....	Crafton.....	47	2d Fri.	314	3	22		3		336
654	Charles M. Swain..	Philadelphia	D	1st Fri.	223	4	23		1	3	246
655	Fidelity	Wilkes-Barre ...	12	1st Tues.....	278	3	14	2	2	1	290
656	Swissvale	Swissvale.....	38	2d Mon.....	157	3	14	1	3		170
657	Avalon	Bellevue.....	53	1st Tues.....	275	2	19		2	5	289
658	Patton	Patton.....	41	3d Tues.....	108	1	6	1			114
659	Thomas R. Patton..	Philadelphia	G	3d Wed.....	171	5	23			4	195
660	Isaac Hiester.....	Reading	7	3d Mon.	272		12				284
661	Mat. H. Henderson	Philadelphia	D	2d Fri.....	130	1	27		1	5	152
662	Parian	Beaver Falls	37	1st Fri.....	116		18	1	1		132
663	Friendship.....	Fawn Grove	42	Wed. F.M....	47		2			1	48
664	Moosic	Moosic	13	2d Mon.....	69		6		1	2	72
665	Ephrata	Ephrata	1	2d Tues.....	100		8			1	107
666	Brownstone	Hummelstown...	2	2d Tues.....	52		11				63
667	Benton	Benton	35	1st Fri.....	70		1				71
668	Shenango	Sharon.....	26	3d Fri.....	153	2	23		1	1	176
669	Oakdale.....	Oakdale.....	47	3d Mon.....	79	1	3				83
670	Cedar	Mount Carmel...	46	1st Tues	140		9			1	148
671	Peter A. B. Widener	Philadelphia	D	2d Mon.....	64	1	24			1	88
672	Woodlawn.....	Woodlawn.....	37	3d Fri'.....	88	1	28		1		116
673	Jordan.....	Allentown.....	10	3d Tues.	486		27		1	1	511
674	Coraopolis.....	Coraopolis.....	47	2d Tues.....	101	21	17		2		137
675	James W. Brown..	Johnsonburg....	33	2d Mon.....	67		4				71
676	Park	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	3d Mon.....	89	2	23		1		113
677	Panther Valley	Lansford.....	11	3d Fri.....	90		19				109
678	Temple.....	Pittsburgh.....	52	3d Thur.....		120	30			1	149
679	Fellowship.....	"	52	3d Fri.....		97	71			1	167
680	Bellefield.....	"	52	2d Fri.....		67	16				83
681	West Shore.....	Camp Hill.....	3	3d Fri.....		22	25				47
682	.....	Elizabethtown...	1	3d Mon.....		42	7				49

SUMMARY.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1914.....	492		
Lodges constituted during the year 1915.....	5		
Number of Lodges December 27, 1915.....	497		
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1914.....		115,460	
Admitted during the year 1915	886		
Initiated during the year 1915	7357		
		8243	
Suspended and expelled during the year 1915....	775		
Resigned during the year 1915.....	607		
Deceased during the year 1915.....	1775		
		3157	
Increase during the year 1915.....		5086	
Membership December 27, 1915.....		120,546	

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Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.....	256	5	15	2		5	269
3	"	C	3d Tues.....	371	3	16		2	6	382
9	"	B	1st Fri.	632	1	59	6		10	676
19	Montgomery	"	D	1st Thur.	316		1	4		8	305
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon.....	638	8	45	2		15	674
22	.....	Sunbury	46	*	242	2	13			6	251
25	Bristol.....	Bristol.....	8	Sat. F. M. ...	211	1	18		1	4	225
43	.....	Lancaster.....	1	2d Wed.....	360		15			3	372
45	.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	Last Wed....	632	2	55	6	4	16	663
51	.....	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur.	151		4			4	151
52	Harmony	"	D	1st Mon.....	395	5	25		1	5	419
59	Washington.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	795	2	34	5		15	811
60	Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	31	1st Mon.....	213	2	10		2	6	217
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	1st Mon.....	464	7	40		2	5	504
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon.....	375		18	5		6	382
67	Concordia.....	Philadelphia	C	3d Thur.....	611	3	39	2	3	8	640
70	Rural Amity.....	Athens	16	Tues. F. M....	366	3	33		3	4	395
71	La Fayette.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed.....	309		20	2		5	322
72	Philadelphia	"	H	3d Thur.....	282		17	2		11	286
75	Phoenix.....	Phoenixville....	40	Sat. F. M. ...	302	5	11	3	3	4	308
81	Hiram	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.....	234		18	2		4	246
91	Columbia	"	C	4th Mon.....	194		11			4	201
106	.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Mon.	548		41		3	17	569
108	Union.....	Towanda.....	16	3d Wed.....	259	5	10			8	266
114	Solomon's.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Fri.....	299		18	2	1	4	310
115	St. John's.....	"	E	2d Mon.....	530	1	33	2	1	15	546
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.....	188		5	1	2	9	181
125	Hermann	"	E	2d Wed.....	339	1	34		1	12	361
126	Rising Star.....	"	C	2d Mon.....	320		24	1		6	337
130	Phoenix.....	"	D	3d Wed.....	320	1	10		2	7	322
131	Industry.....	"	G	2d Mon.....	345	2	31	1	2	7	368
134	Franklin.....	"	F	†	197	1	6	1		4	199
135	Roxborough.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	540	1	36		1	8	568
138	Schuylkill.....	Orwigsburg	11	Last Mon....	116		5				121

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday ; then Monday.

† No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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143	George Washington	Chambersburg...	3	2d Fri.....	266	1	12		1	4	274
144	Charity.....	Lewisburg.....	18	2d Tues.....	135	2	6	2		3	138
152	Easton.....	Easton.....	9	1st Thur.....	273	4	23	3	1	5	291
153	Waynesburg.....	Waynesburg.....	29	2d Mon.....	222	2	6	3		3	224
155	Mount Moriah.....	Philadelphia.....	B	4th Tues.....	728	5	121	2	1	13	838
156	Washington.....	Quarryville.....	1	Fri. F. M....	122		3	2		1	122
158	Meridian Sun.....	Philadelphia.....	D	1st Tues.....	889	3	48	5	2	20	913
163	Evergreen.....	Monroeton.....	16	Tues. F. M...	213		14		2	5	220
164	Washington.....	Washington.....	29	1st Mon.....	250	6	10			5	261
186	Eastern Star.....	Philadelphia.....	C	2d Wed.....	260	3	22	5	1	8	271
187	Integrity.....	".....	D	2d Thur.....	266		18	3	1	3	277
190	Charity.....	Norristown.....	6	1st Mon.....	524	2	27	5	4	6	538
194	La Fayette.....	Selinsgrove.....	46	Fri. F. M....	159	1	22			1	181
197	Cumberland Star...	Carlisle.....	3	2d Tues.....	230		9	1	1	3	234
199	La Fayette.....	Lock Haven.....	33	2d Thur.....	249	3	15	1	1	4	261
203	Lewistown.....	Lewistown.....	19	2d Tues.....	290	6	12	3	1	2	302
211	Kensington.....	Philadelphia.....	F	1st Fri.....	578		33	3	2	12	594
216	Pulaski.....	Pottsville.....	11	3d Mon.....	288		12			6	289
218	Honesdale.....	Honesdale.....	14	1st Thur.....	164		18		2	2	178
219	St. John's.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	2d Thur.....	671	8	35	5	15	14	680
220	Portage.....	Hollidaysburg...	20	1st Tues.....	163		2			5	160
221	Franklin.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	3d Thur.....	561	1	27	11	3	4	571
222	Minersville.....	Minersville.....	11	2d Thur.....	104		4	1	1	1	105
223	Allegheny.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Mon.....	479		22		5	13	483
224	Danville.....	Danville.....	35	3d Tues.....	155	2	15			1	171
225	Philanthropy.....	Greensburg.....	30	2d Mon.....	205		6		2	3	206
226	Mount Lebanon....	Lebanon.....	2	3d Thur.....	352	2	15			5	364
227	Chandler.....	Reading.....	7	1st Tues.....	520	2	26	3	1	6	538
228	Fayette.....	Uniontown.....	31	2d Mon.....	275	2	3	1		3	276
229	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	37	1st Fri.....	348	2	23		1	4	368
230	Richmond.....	Philadelphia.....	F	2d Wed.....	384		24	2	2	6	398
231	Solomon.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	1st Thur.....	191		13	1		5	198
232	La Belle Vallée...	Jersey Shore....	18	1st Fri.....	245	2	17		1	4	259
233	St. John's.....	Pittston.....	12	Tues. F. M...	261	2	17		2	3	275
234	Crawford.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Thur.....	174	1	8	4	3	2	174
236	Chester.....	Chester.....	36	1st Thur.....	495	3	27	4		8	513
237	Beallsville.....	Beallsville.....	29	Wed. F. M...	137		10		2	6	139
238	Tamaqua.....	Tamaqua.....	11	2d Fri.....	261		16		1	3	273
239	Armstrong.....	Freeport.....	27	3d Mon.....	107		3		1	1	108
240	Warren.....	Montrose.....	15	Wed. F. M...	134		6			1	139
241	North Star.....	Warren.....	23	3d Thur.....	367		22		4	7	378
242	Carbon.....	Mauch Chunk...	45	2d Wed.....	137		12			5	144
243	Mahoning.....	New Castle.....	26	4th Tues.....	387	5	38	2		2	426
244	Kittanning.....	Kittanning.....	27	1st Tues.....	192		11		1	3	199
245	Doylestown.....	Doylestown.....	8	Fri. F. M....	250		10		2	6	252
246	Shekinah.....	Philadelphia.....	A	3d Mon.....	623	2	13	6	5	18	609

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247	Friendship.....	Mansfield	17	Mon. F. M....	133	2	8			5	138
248	Temple.....	Tunkhannock ...	16	Mon. F. M....	207		15	4	2	3	213
249	Carbondale.....	Carbondale.....	13	1st Wed.....	367		37		2	1	401
250	Sharon.....	Sharon	26	1st Fri.....	319		30	2	2	2	343
252	Gummert	Fayette City.....	31	Mon. F. M....	174	1	12	6	1	2	178
253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Tues....	599	7	48	3	7	11	633
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	342		23	2	1	11	351
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.....	46	1st Fri.....	361	1	32	2	2	5	385
256	Milton	Milton.....	46	1st Mon.....	210	1	14			2	223
258	Western Crawford .	Conneautville ...	25	1st Mon.....	80		6	1			85
259	Union	New Brighton ..	37	1st Tues.....	196		7		1	2	200
260	St. John's.....	Carlisle.....	3	3d Thur.....	230		4	1	1	8	224
261	Hiram	Scranton.....	13	1st Thur.....	274	1	18	2		2	289
262	Orrstown	Orrstown.....	3	Thur. F. M....	61		5			1	65
263	Franklin.....	Laceyville.....	16	Tues. F. M....	103		2	2		1	102
264	Columbus	Columbus.....	23	Thur. F. M....	42			1	1	3	37
265	Washington.....	Bloomsburg	35	3d Mon.....	250	3	19	1	1	3	267
266	York	York.....	42	*	273	2	23		1	3	294
267	Swatara	Tremont	11	2d Thur.....	139		8		2	3	142
268	Bellefonte.....	Bellefonte.....	21	Tues. F. M....	217	3	9	1	3	7	218
269	Monongahela.....	Pittsburgh	47	1st Fri.....	689	1	41		15	6	710
270	Page	Schuylkill Haven	11	2d Fri.....	177		5		2		180
271	Keystone.....	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.....	368	1	34	4	2	9	388
272	Butler.....	Butler	27	1st Thur.....	359	1	31	1		4	386
273	Cassia.....	Ardmore.....	6	1st Thur.....	486	3	24	1	7	4	501
274	Hamilton	Philadelphia	G	4th Tues.....	478	4	35	5	1	6	505
275	Loyalhanna.....	Latrobe.....	30	1st Mon.....	163		7		1	2	167
276	Hobah	Brookville.....	27	2d Mon.....	203		6	4		4	201
277	Clarion	Clarion	27	1st Mon.....	194	2	10	4	3	3	196
278	Cambria	Johnstown	41	2d Tues.....	415		44	1	2	5	451
281	Mountain	Altoona.....	20	3d Tues.....	351	1	13	6	2	3	354
282	Juniata	Hollidaysburg ...	20	2d Mon.....	153	1	2		1	3	152
283	Bethlehem.....	Bethlehem	9	1st Tues.....	263		19	2	3	5	272
284	Porter	Catasauqua.....	10	1st Fri.....	214		9	3	1	3	216
285	Anthracite.....	St. Clair.....	11	3d Wed.....	118		9		1	6	120
286	Columbia	Columbia	1	1st Thur.....	227	1	12		2	5	233
287	Milnor	Pittsburgh	51	3d Tues.....	975	3	53	5	27	16	983
288	Jefferson	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Wed.....	173		15	1		7	180
289	Orient	Philadelphia	G	4th Fri.....	349	1	22	6	2	6	358
290	Eureka	Greenville.....	26	1st Mon.....	238	1	15		2	1	251
291	Union	Scranton.....	13	1st Fri.....	564	4	27	7	1	8	579
292	Frankford.....	Philadelphia	H	2d Tues.....	484		44	3	1	7	517
294	Ashland	Ashland	11	2d Thur.....	216		18		1	6	227
295	Melita	Philadelphia	H	4th Wed.....	736	3	59	4	4	11	779
296	Mitchell	"	A	2d Thur.....	486	1	44	1	2	10	518
297	Chartiers.....	Canonsburg	29	2d Mon.....	151		9	2	1		157
298	Geo. W. Bartram..	Media	36	2d Mon.....	239	2	11		2	5	245

* No. 266 meets Tuesday after first Monday.

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299	Muncy.....	Muncy	18	1st Thur.....	230	2	13		3	4	238
300	Mount Moriah.....	Huntingdon.....	34	2d Mon.....	206		12		10	5	203
301	Waverly.....	Clark's Summit..	13	Tues. F. M... 148	3	8	7			6	146
302	Eureka	Mechanicsburg ..	3	1st Mon.....	197	1	7			5	200
303	Oil Creek	Titusville	25	1st Tues.....	159		4		1	8	154
304	Western Star.....	Albion.....	24	3d Tues.....	115		9			2	122
305	Hawley.....	Hawley.....	14	Tues. F. M... 87	1	3				1	90
306	Trojan.....	Troy.....	16	2d Tues.....	150	4	11		3	1	161
307	Williamson.....	Womelsdorf.....	7	1st Thur.....	199		18			3	214
308	Fort Washington..	Fort Washington	8	3d Sat.....	123		9			4	128
309	Williamson.....	Downingtown...	5	Fri. F. M.... 159		16			1	2	172
310	Warren.....	Collegeville	6	Sat. F. M.... 171		17	1			4	183
311	Portland	Portland.....	50	2d Thur.....	117		5	4	1	2	115
312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	259		9	3		1	264
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	191	1	15		1	3	203
314	Clearfield	Clearfield.....	21	1st Fri.....	203		7			1	209
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	92		22			1	113
316	Myrtle.....	Franklin.....	23	1st Mon.....	285	12	8	8	3	3	291
317	Ossea.....	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	237	1	15	7	1	4	241
318	McKinley.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	1st Tues.....	530	2	39	2	6	3	560
319	Adams.....	New Bloomfield .	19	Wed. F. M... 87		5			1	1	90
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur.....	169	1	6		1	3	172
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	48	3d Tues.....	502	1	22	5	8	7	505
322	West Chester.....	West Chester....	5	1st Mon.....	272		21	1		8	284
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton.....	13	1st Tues.....	627	9	30	9	4	9	644
324	Union	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	148		5			1	152
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	50	1st Tues.....	220	1	14	1		7	227
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown.....	10	Tues. F. M... 126	1	9				2	134
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Mon.....	326		16	1	15	5	321
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M... 58		3				4	57
330	Salem.....	Hamlin.....	14	Mon. F. M... 125	1	12	1			4	133
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M.. 121		10			4	2	125
332	Plymouth.....	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M... 140		4	2	2	2	2	138
333	Barger	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	312	2	14	1	1	4	322
334	Union	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	401	5	16	5	3	6	408
335	Eureka	Montoursville ...	18	Fri. b. F. M.. 137		6					143
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	164	3	13			3	177
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	43	2d Tues.....	249	4	15		4	2	262
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	88	1	8	3	4	1	89
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Mon.....	505		24		2	7	520
340	Thomson	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M... 226		14				7	233
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	15	Mon. F. M... 157		10				3	164
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	44	2d Wed.....	211	3	8	1			221
343	Skerrett.....	Cochranville....	5	Tues. F. M... 164		5				3	166
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M... 99	1	6				3	103
345	Schiller.....	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.....	403	7	29	6	1	4	428

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346	King Solomon's ...	Connellsville ...	31	1st Tues.	275		5			5	275
347	Lake Erie.	Girard.	24	1st Wed.	149	2	6	5	5	1	146
348	Patmos.	Hanover.	4	2d Tues.	199	1	11		1		210
349	Catawissa.	Catawissa.	35	1st Tues.	130	1	10	1	3	2	135
350	Bloss.	Blossburg.	17	Sat. F. M. ...	207	1	7			3	212
351	Cowanessque.	Knoxville.	17	Wed. F. M. ...	98	1	1	6	1		93
352	Lucius H. Scott.	Chester.	36	1st Tues.	388		28	1	2	11	402
353	Oxford.	Oxford.	36	Wed. F. M. ...	192		9	1	1	3	196
354	Sylvania.	Shickshinny.	12	1st Mon.	122		2	1	1	1	121
355	Acacia.	Blairsville.	39	2d Thur.	162	2	7			3	168
357	Mahanoy City.	Mahanoy City.	11	3d Thur.	127		9		2	5	129
358	Somerset.	Somerset.	41	2d Tues.	186	1	21	1	1	4	202
359	Humboldt.	Philadelphia.	E	4th Thur.	201		8			7	202
360	Canawacta.	Susquehanna.	15	1st Fri.	154	7	5	4	2	3	157
361	Big Spring.	Newville.	3	2d Thur.	113				3	1	109
362	Tyrian.	Erie.	24	1st Fri.	291	3	25	1	1	5	312
363	Petrolia.	Oil City.	23	1st Fri.	487		22		1	9	499
364	Susquehanna.	Millersburg.	2	1st Fri.	134	3	12			5	144
365	Corry.	Corry.	24	1st Tues.	141	1	7	1	2	2	144
366	Eureka.	Union City.	24	1st Fri.	103	1	4	1		3	104
367	Teutonia.	Reading.	7	3d Thur.	120		6	1		5	120
368	Corinthian.	Philadelphia.	A	3d Tues.	228	1	19			5	243
369	Williamson.	"	F	3d Thur.	216	1	20	2		4	231
370	Mifflinburg.	Mifflinburg.	18	Mon. F. M. ...	110		5			1	114
371	Lamberton.	Thompsontown.	19	Mon. F. M. ...	43		1				44
372	Spartan.	Spartansburg.	25	1st Mon.	67		2		1	2	66
373	Tioga.	Tioga.	17	3d Thur.	102		5		1	1	105
374	Davage.	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Thur.	438	1	23		2	7	453
375	Alliquippa.	McKeesport.	49	1st Tues.	395		12	2	6	6	393
376	McVeytown.	McVeytown.	19	1st Tues.	69		3			1	71
377	Huguenot.	Kutztown.	7	Sat. F. M. ...	201		17	1	3	6	208
378	Mount Carmel.	Mt. Carmel.	46	2d Thur.	129		5			2	132
379	Elk.	Ridgway.	33	2d Tues.	254		19	2	3	5	263
380	Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	D	1st Tues.	263	2	30	3	3	6	283
381	Newport.	Newport.	19	2d Tues.	108		7			1	114
382	Emporium.	Emporium.	33	2d Tues.	143		17		2	5	153
383	Goddard.	Coatesville.	5	1st Tues.	213	1	16			7	223
384	Richard Vaux.	Philadelphia.	H	1st Mon.	477	3	42	5		6	511
385	Oriental.	"	C	1st Thur.	918	1	90	12		13	984
386	Apollo.	"	E	3d Wed.	469	1	31		3	21	477
388	McKean.	Smethport.	22	2d Wed.	137		6		2	2	139
389	Kedron.	West Middlesex.	26	1st Mon.	77		11			2	86
390	McCandless.	Pittsburgh.	51	2d Wed.	453	1	29		9	10	464
391	Moshannon.	Philipsburg.	21	2d Thur.	218		7	1	2	2	220
392	Perry.	Erie.	24	2d Tues.	332	3	14	2	3	1	343
393	Vaux.	Philadelphia.	C	4th Tues.	412	2	52	6	2	8	450
395	Kingston.	Kingston.	12	2d Wed.	305	2	25	1	2	4	325
396	Dallas.	Easton.	9	1st Tues.	326	1	22	6	4	6	333
397	Ivy.	Williamsport.	18	1st Tues.	455		35		4	10	476
398	Asha ra.	Marietta.	1	Mon. F. M. ...	100		12	3	2	2	105

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399	North East.....	North East.....	24	1st Wed.....	188		12		2	4	194
400	Friendship.....	Jenkintown.....	8	2d Tues.....	375	2	15	2	1	6	383
401	Watson town.....	Watson town.....	46	Tues. F. M....	142	1	10	2		4	147
402	Perkins.....	Philadelphia.....	E	1st Fri.....	365		31		3	8	385
404	Eureka.....	Northumberland..	46	3d Mon.....	108	1	7			2	114
405	Howell.....	Honey Brook.....	5	Wed. F. M....	144		3	1	2	3	141
406	Vaux.....	Hamburg.....	7	2d Thur.....	204		14			2	216
408	.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Mon.....	160	1	10		2	3	166
409	Pine Grove.....	Pine Grove.....	11	1st Mon.....	79		13			1	91
410	W. K. Bray.....	Hatboro.....	8	Wed. F. M....	163		10	2		4	167
411	Meridian.....	Enon Valley.....	37	Fri. F. M....	96	2	2				100
412	Temple.....	Tidioute.....	23	2d Tues.....	72		1	1		1	71
413	Manoquesy.....	Bath.....	50	2d Thur.....	86		4	2	1	1	86
414	Elysburg.....	Elysburg.....	46	Thur. F. M....	66	1	4				71
415	Canton.....	Canton.....	16	Tues. F. M....	154		8		1	1	160
416	Oasis.....	Edinboro.....	24	2d Tues.....	62	1	4				67
417	Christiana.....	Christiana.....	1	Thur. F. M....	197		11	2		1	205
418	Roman.....	Rome.....	16	Sat. F. M....	61	1	3				65
419	Wm. B. Schnider..	Philadelphia.....	C	2d Tues.....	602	2	34	7	1	14	616
420	Fritz.....	Conshohocken.....	6	3d Tues.....	286		17		1	4	298
421	Osceola.....	Elkland.....	17	2d Fri.....	99		9		2	1	105
423	Shrewsbury.....	Shrewsbury.....	4	Tues. F. M....	112		8				120
424	Adelphic.....	Jamestown.....	26	1st Tues.....	101		2				103
425	Waterford.....	Waterford.....	24	Tues. F. M....	109	3	3		1	1	113
426	Cressona.....	Cressona.....	11	Thur. F. M....	84		3				87
427	Newtown.....	Newtown.....	8	Wed. F. M....	126		15			3	138
428	Smithfield.....	East Smithfield..	16	Fri. F. M....	45	2	4		3		48
429	Harmony.....	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M....	107	3	3		3		110
430	Stuckrath.....	Pittsburgh, N. S..	32	2d Thur.....	661	1	34		6	7	683
431	Williamson.....	Saltsburg.....	39	1st Tues.....	84		7			1	90
432	.....	Philadelphia.....	F	2d Thur.....	378	2	28	1		5	402
433	Lodge of the Craft..	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	379	3	27		4	6	399
434	Lake.....	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	187		5		1		191
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	341		19	2	1	2	355
436	Mozart.....	Philadelphia.....	G	2d Tues.....	459	4	30	5	1	6	481
437	Apollo.....	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	106	1	14		1	2	118
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M....	115		3	4		1	113
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon.....	95			3			92
440	Slatington.....	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M....	157		7			3	161
441	Potter.....	Philadelphia.....	H	3d Fri.....	638	3	39	2	2	13	663
442	Landmark.....	Wilkes-Barre.....	12	2d Mon.....	503	2	47	3		4	545
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M....	116		7	1		2	120
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia.....	B	3d Tues.....	371		17	7	3	8	370
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thur. F. M....	100		6	10			96
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan..	40	Mon. b. F. M..	159		4			2	161
447	Claysville.....	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M....	81	1	2		3		81
448	Zeredatha.....	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur.....	415	1	28	6	3	4	431
449	Ivanhoe.....	Philadelphia.....	G	2d Thur.....	501	4	42		1	9	537

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450	Stephen Girard	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed	440	2	39	2	2	9	468
451	Zeredatha	York	42	*	269		22	3		3	285
453	Welcome	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur	320	5	32	1	1	3	352
454	Richard Vaux	Burgettstown	29	4th Fri	154	1	7	5	2	4	151
455	Keystone	Erie	24	3d Tues	352	4	40	5	2	5	384
456	Covenant	Philadelphia	H	2d Tues	417	1	23	3		10	428
457	St. James	Beaver	37	Thur. F. M.	224	1	12	1	2	3	231
458	Perry	Marysville	19	1st Tues	123		15		1	4	133
459	Valley	Masontown	31	Thur. F. M.	159		14	2	1	2	168
460	Oriental	Orangeville	35	F. M. Tues	60	1				1	60
461	Monongahela Valley	California	43	3d Mon	134	2	15		2	2	147
462	Knapp	Berwick	35	1st Fri	267	3	23	1	1	3	288
463	Shepherd	Titusville	25	1st Mon	146	2	16		4	1	159
464	Robert Burns	Harrisburg	2	3d Thur	658	3	47		2	6	700
465	Hebron	New Oxford	4	3d Mon	106		1			1	106
466	Kingsbury	Olyphant	13	1st Fri	155		7	4			158
467	Laurel	White Haven	45	Mon. F. M.	72		3		2	3	70
468	Wyoming	Wyoming	12	Last Fri	146		8	4	1	2	147
469	Saucon	Coopersburg	10	Tues. F. M.	84		5			1	88
470	Palestine	Philadelphia	C	2d Thur	352	1	24	1		7	369
471	Le Ray	Le Raysville	16	Sat. F. M.	48		1			1	48
472	Mount Hermon	Uniondale	15	Fri. F. M.	74		2	1	1	1	73
473	Covenant	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d Fri	163		5			1	167
474	Coalville	Ashley	12	2d Tues	184	1	10	1		3	191
475	Kennett	Kennett Square . . .	36	Thur. F. M.	184	1	5		1	3	186
476	Lamberton	Lancaster	1	1st Tues	353		13	2		5	359
477	Westfield	Westfield	17	Tues. F. M.	145		10	2			153
478	Beaver Valley	Beaver Falls	37	3d Tues	205		15		2	5	213
479	Union	Birdsboro	7	Thur. F. M.	156		13				169
480	Noble	Curwensville	21	Tues. F. M.	129	1	3	1	2	1	129
481	St. Paul's	Philadelphia	F	1st Thur	591	4	23	6	2	15	595
482	Athelstan	"	E	1st Tues	295		47		1	4	337
483	Fraternal	Rouseville	23	1st Wed	111		3	3	1	1	109
484	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	51	2d Mon	724		45	10	13	13	733
485	Glasgow	Midland	37	Tues. F. M.	92		10	1	1	3	97
486	Prince Edwin	Middletown	2	1st Mon	128		7			4	131
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia	F	1st Tues	379	2	47		1	9	418
490	Logan	Altoona	20	1st Tues	405		31	2	2	4	428
491	Excelsior	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed	389	1	28	5	1	5	407
493	Crescent	"	A	2d Mon	387	4	34	2		9	414
494	Tyrone	Tyrone	20	3d Mon	268		14			8	274
495	Renovo	Renovo	33	1st Tues	200		11	2	3	2	204
496	Charles M. Howell	Millersville	1	Fri. F. M.	125		3	1	1	3	123
498	Pine	Linesville	25	1st Tues	103		10			2	111
499	Valley	Pittston	12	1st Thur	231		27	4	3	3	248
500	Wm. C. Hamilton	Philadelphia	F	3d Wed	724	1	60	4	3	19	759
502	Pollock	Tarentum	32	1st Thur	293	1	27				321
503	Riverside	Wrightsville	42	3d Mon	77			1			76

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504	Moscow.....	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M.....	106	1	8		1	1	113
505	Liberty.....	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues.....	105	2	12			1	118
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia	H	2d Thur.....	520	2	91	6	2	10	595
507	New Milford.....	New Milford	15	3d Wed.....	57			7	1	1	48
508	Dallas.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	1st Fri.....	1172	6	97	12	41	14	1208
509	Germania.....	".....	47	2d Fri.....	203		7		4	3	203
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock.....	38	3d Tues.....	435	1	22		2	2	454
511	Shenandoah.....	Shenandoah.....	11	Wed. b. F. M.	111		7		1	6	111
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown.....	8	2d Thur.....	144		4			3	145
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh.....	47	3d Tues.....	286	1	20		11	6	290
515	Osceola.....	Osceola Mills....	21	2d Mon.....	197		5	3		4	195
516	Mahoning.....	Danville.....	35	2d Tues.....	180	1	10		2	2	187
517	Sharpsville.....	Sharpsville.....	26	1st Thur.....	83		8	3	1		87
518	Westmoreland.....	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues.....	211		14		1	1	223
519	Gothic.....	Philadelphia	E	3d Thur.....	332	3	17	4	1	6	341
520	Canby.....	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	114	1	4	3		3	113
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	99		5			1	103
522	New Bethlehem ...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Thur.....	174	1	11	5		2	179
523	Aurora.....	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	93		4	2		1	94
524	Everett.....	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	187		14		1	2	198
525	Ionic.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Mon.....	599	1	36		2	7	627
526	Stephen Bayard....	Elizabeth.....	43	3d Mon.....	199		11	2	1	3	204
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia	B	2d Fri.....	254	2	26	3		5	274
528	Mount Horeb.....	".....	F	2d Tues.....	345		29	1	1	1	371
529	St. Alban.....	".....	G	1st Thur.....	373	4	25		2	8	392
530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue.....	53	3d Mon.....	511	6	27	2	4	4	534
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas.....	12	Thur. F. M...	89	1	6				96
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	98		1	2	1		96
533	Wattsburg.....	Wattsburg.....	24	2d Fri.....	48					1	47
534	John W. Jenks....	Punxsutawney ..	21	1st Tues.....	201		28		3	1	225
535	Oakland.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	1st Mon.....	212		16		4	1	223
536	John M. Read.....	Reynoldsville....	27	2d Tues.....	93	1	4		1	3	94
537	Old Fort.....	Center Hall.....	21	Mon. F. M...	99		6	1			104
538	Johnstown.....	Johnstown.....	41	1st Thur.....	347	1	32	3	1	4	372
539	Woodbury.....	Roaring Spring..	20	Thur. F. M...	126	1	9				136
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	Wed. F. M...	175		9			2	182
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	218		11		2	3	224
542	Waymart.....	Waymart.....	14	Tues. F. M...	49		6				55
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Thur.....	569	8	50	5	1	5	616
544	Centennial.....	Carnegie.....	47	1st Mon.....	386	2	26	5	6	3	400
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M...	117		5				122
546	Duquesne.....	Pittsburgh.....	48	2d Thur.....	535	1	23	1	8	7	543
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove.....	23	Fri. F. M....	62		2				64
548	Verona.....	Verona.....	38	1st Tues.....	173		16	4	2	1	182
549	Reading.....	Reading.....	7	2d Thur.....	370	1	22	4		2	387
550	Edenburg.....	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	66		1				67
551	Casiphia.....	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M....	76		1			1	76
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Tues.....	146		15		1	1	159
553	Spring City.....	Spring City.....	40	1st Thur.....	166		10			1	175
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	214		11			2	223

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555	Northern Star	Duke Center	22	1st Tues.	82		6			1	87
556	Lewisville.	Ulysses	44	1st Wed.	103	1	2			3	103
557	Olive	Tionesta	23	2d Mon.	102		5		1	1	105
558	Shiloh	Lansdale	6	2d Tues.	235	1	14	1	1	2	246
559	Garfield.	Du Bois.	21	1st Thur.	248		4	1	2	6	243
560	Eldred.	Eldred.	22	2d Tues.	54		1	2		1	52
561	Greenleaf	Allentown	10	3d Thur.	425	3	24			6	446
562	Marion	Scottdale.	30	2d Thur.	194		9		1	3	199
563	Hellertown.	Hellertown.	9	3d Fri.	97	1	4	2		2	98
564	Coatesville	Coatesville	5	2d Thur.	236		11		2	7	238
565	Bangor	Bangor.	50	2d Wed.	136			1			135
566	Kane	Kane.	22	1st Wed.	160	5	13		1	1	176
567	Prosperity.	Riegelsville	9	Fri. F. M.	85		3			3	85
568	La Monte.	Derry Station.	30	1st Thur.	109		3		4	3	105
569	Keystone.	Parkesburg.	5	F. M. Fri.	109		3	1	3	2	106
570	Ashlar.	Lykens	2	Tues. F. M.	152		5			3	154
571	Wilcox	Wilcox	33	1st Tues.	60	1	8	1	1	2	65
572	Cromwell.	Orbisonia	34	Last Tues.	83	3	4		19	1	70
573	Corinthian.	Millvale Borough	32	4th Tues.	197		8		2		203
574	Coalport.	Coalport	21	4th Mon.	129		15			5	139
575	Hebron.	Mercer.	26	2d Mon.	136		7		3	2	138
576	Crescent	Pittsburgh	52	2d Tues.	318	1	16	4	2	4	325
577	Leechburg	Leechburg	27	2d Thur.	101		4			1	104
578	Prospect	Moore.	36	1st Thur.	316	2	41	1	2	2	354
579	Acacia.	Taylor.	13	1st Mon.	250	3	18	4	2	4	261
580	Arcana	Austin.	44	4th Wed.	84	1	1	3	1		82
581	Wayne	Wayne	6	3d Tues.	138	1	20	1	1	3	154
582	Homestead.	Homestead	38	3d Mon.	492		13		29		476
583	Youghiogheny.	McKeesport.	49	3d Tues.	439		25	4	2	3	455
584	King Solomon.	Dunmore.	13	1st Mon.	187	1	14	1		3	198
585	Royersford	Royersford	40	2d Fri.	133	2	10	3		2	140
586	Acacia.	Waynesboro.	4	3d Fri.	143		7			3	147
587	Manheim	Manheim	1	Mon. F. M.	130		2		1	2	129
588	Oriental Star	Peckville	13	2d Tues.	144		12			3	153
589	Hyndman.	Hyndman.	34	3d Mon.	75	1	2		1	2	75
590	Orient.	Wilkinsburg	38	1st Tues.	608		43	9	11	5	626
591	Equity	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.	312		42	1	2	6	345
592	Adelpha.	Harrison Valley.	44	2d Tues.	47		2			1	48
593	Blyth	West Newton	30	Mon. F. M.	161		11		1	2	169
594	Pen Argyl	Pen Argyl	50	1st Thur.	96	1	3	2		3	95
595	Perkiomen	East Greenville.	40	F. M. Tues.	82		5				87
596	MacCalla	Sellersville	8	2d Mon.	119		6				125
597	Green Ridge.	Scranton.	13	2d Fri.	303		13	1	3	1	311
598	Sharon	Shinglehouse	44	2d Thur.	108		7		1	1	113
599	Ellwood	Ellwood City.	26	2d Tues.	143		6		1	1	147
600	Tacony	Philadelphia	G	3d Tues.	287		32	2	1	5	311
601	Shidle	Irwin	30	1st Tues.	184		15		4	3	192
602	Galeton.	Galeton.	44	1st Tues.	177		7	1	2	1	180
603	Grove City.	Grove City.	26	3d Tues.	191	3	14	1	3	4	200
604	Garfield	McDonald	29	2d Tues.	170	2	22				194

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605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.	367	1	20	1	1	1	385
606	Radiant Star.	"	C	4th Mon.	189	1	34		1		223
607	Olivet	"	E	4th Tues.	555	3	48	3	4	5	594
608	Joppa	Pittsburgh	48	1st Tues.	291		19	4	8	2	296
609	Progress	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	447	5	32	5		7	472
610	University.	"	H	4th Fri.	1148	8	78		4	11	1219
611	Arbutus	Freeland	45	3d Tues.	122		2		2	1	121
612	Tyrian	Wilmerding	49	1st Thur.	315		20		2	1	332
613	Valley	Turtle Creek.	49	2d Tues.	227	1	22		1	2	247
614	James Cochran	Dawson.	31	2d Tues.	76		6				82
615	Charleroi.	Charleroi.	43	2d Thur.	231	3	14		3	2	243
616	Hiram	Altoona.	20	3d Thur.	196		10	2		1	203
617	Kiskiminetas.	Vandergrift	39	1st Tues.	171		7				178
618	Wyalusing.	Wyalusing.	16	Fri. F. M.	96	1	3		1		99
619	Middleburg	Middleburg	46	*	92		3			1	94
620	Norristown	Norristown.	6	3d Mon.	342	2	22		1	4	361
621	Lehighton	Lehighton	45	1st Thur.	151		6			3	154
622	Whitfield.	Nazareth.	50	2d Mon.	106		8		1		113
623	Sunset	Washington.	29	3d Mon.	181	1	17	1	1	3	194
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia	D	2d Tues.	158	5	25	2	1	3	182
625	Concord.	Concordville.	36	Wed. F. M.	118		7				125
626	Donora	Donora.	43	8d Tues.	139	1	11	1	3	1	146
627	Mount Jewett	Mount Jewett	22	4th Mon.	93		7		3		97
628	J. Simpson Africa . . .	East Stroudsburg. . .	50	4th Thur.	156		16	2		2	168
629	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	2	1st Thur.	273	4	21			3	295
630	Doric	Sewickley	53	2d Thur.	182	1	23	1		2	203
631	Colonial	Philadelphia	H	1st Fri.	82		4		2	1	83
632	Maclay	Sunbury	46	†	223		30				253
633	Acacia	Marienville	23	1st Wed.	69		2	4	1		66
634	Fort Pitt.	Pittsburgh	48	1st Mon.	376	2	41		7	3	409
635	Homewood.	"	48	3d Mon.	403		71	4	8	4	458
636	Michael Arnold.	Philadelphia	G	3d Mon.	275	5	34			6	308
637	Chapman.	Northampton	9	2d Wed.	160		16		1		175
638	Monessen.	Monessen.	43	1st Tues.	176		14		3		187
639	George E. Wagner. . . .	Saint Marys.	33	1st Mon.	118	1	6		1	1	123
640	East Brady.	East Brady.	27	1st Thur.	108		8				116
641	McKeesport.	McKeesport.	49	2d Fri.	271	1	14	2			284
642	New Castle.	New Castle.	26	1st Mon.	231		13			2	242
643	Belle Vernon.	Belle Vernon.	43	1st Mon.	105		10			3	112
644	Tyrian.	New Kensington. . . .	30	2d Tues.	136	1	12			1	148
645	Conrad B. Day	Philadelphia	G	2d Fri.	130		13	2	2	1	138
646	William L. Elkins. . . .	"	H	1st Thur.	346		52	3		3	392
647	Beta.	Wilkinsburg	38	2d Mon.	366		39	5	9	1	390
648	H. Stanley Goodwin	South Bethlehem . . .	9	3d Wed.	197	1	17	1	3	1	210
649	Red Lion.	Red Lion	42	Thur. F. M.	116		8				124
650	Geter C. Shidle. . . .	Pittsburgh	52	2d Fri.	251		27	2	21	1	254

* No. 619 meets evening before Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Monday; then that evening.

† No. 632 meets first Tuesday, except when Moon is full on that day; then next evening.

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651	Laurel.....	Uniontown	31	1st Mon.....	88		5		1		92
652	La Fayette.....	Carnegie.....	47	1st Tues.....	239		15	4	3	1	246
653	Crafton.....	Crafton.....	47	2d Fri.	336	4	33	2	9	3	359
654	Charles M. Swain .	Philadelphia	D	1st Fri.	246	2	31	2	29	2	246
655	Fidelity	Wilkes-Barre ...	12	1st Tues.....	290	1	32	3	1	2	317
656	Swissvale	Swissvale.....	38	2d Mon.....	170		30	1	4	1	194
657	Avalon	Bellevue.....	53	1st Tues.....	289	5	45	1	4	3	331
658	Patton	Patton.....	41	3d Tues.....	114		10	3		1	120
659	Thomas R. Patton..	Philadelphia	G	3d Wed.....	195	1	29	2		3	220
660	Isaac Hiester.....	Reading	7	3d Mon.....	284	1	23	4		3	301
661	Mat. H. Henderson	Philadelphia	D	2d Fri.....	152	3	13	1	1		166
662	Parian	Beaver Falls	37	1st Fri.....	132		9			1	140
663	Friendship.....	Fawn Grove	42	Wed. F.M....	48		4				52
664	Moosic	Moosic	13	2d Mon.....	72		10				82
665	Ephrata	Ephrata	1	2d Tues.....	107		16			3	120
666	Brownstone	Hummelstown...	2	2d Tues.....	63		13				76
667	Benton	Benton	35	1st Fri.....	71		4	1		1	73
668	Shenango	Sharon.....	26	3d Fri.....	176	1	34			1	210
669	Oakdale.....	Oakdale.....	47	3d Mon.....	83		7		2	1	87
670	Cedar.....	Mount Carmel...	46	1st Tues	148		9		1	2	154
671	Peter A. B. Widener	Philadelphia	D	2d Mon.....	88	2	14				104
672	Woodlawn.....	Woodlawn.....	37	3d Fri.....	116		18		1		133
673	Jordan.....	Allentown	10	3d Tues.....	511		23	1		2	531
674	Coraopolis.....	Coraopolis.....	47	2d Tues.....	137	1	24				162
675	James W. Brown..	Johnsonburg....	33	2d Mon.....	71		7			1	77
676	Park	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	3d Mon.....	113		25		4	1	133
677	Panther Valley	Lansford	11	3d Fri.....	109		14				123
678	Temple.....	Pittsburgh.....	52	3d Thur.....	149	2	21		2	2	168
679	Fellowship.....	"	52	3d Fri.....	167	12	19			1	197
680	Bellefield.....	"	52	2d Fri.....	83		34				119
681	West Shore.....	Camp Hill.....	3	3d Fri.....	47		44				94
682	.....	Elizabethtown...	1	3d Mon.....	49		14				63
683	Wilkinsburg	Wilkinsburg....	38	1st Thur....			72	27			99
684	.....	Dormont.....	47	3rd Fri.....		264	38				302
685	Amity.....	Homestead.....	38	2nd Tues....		51	27				78
686	Robert R. Bringhurst	Philadelphia	F	4th Fri.....		37	12				49
687	Azalea	Hazleton.....	45	1st Fri.....		19	73				92

SUMMARY.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1915.....	497	
Lodges constituted during the year 1916	5	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1916.....	502	
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1915.....		120,546
Admitted during the year 1916	991	
Initiated during the year 1916	8505	
		9496
Suspended and expelled during the year 1916....	691	
Resigned during the year 1916.....	865	
Deceased during the year 1916.....	1806	
		3362
Increase during the year 1916.....		6134
Membership December 27, 1916.....		126,680

NOTE.—These figures have been taken from General Returns before examination, and are subject to correction.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

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of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master.

District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
A	James E. Lord, of Lodge No. 135....	Philadelphia.....	Washington	59	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Hiram	81	"	"
			Union	121	"	"
			Roxborough	135	"	"
			Shekinah	246	"	"
			Mitchell	296	"	"
			Corinthian	368	"	"
			Welcome	453	"	"
			Excelsior	491	"	"
			Crescent	493	"	"
			Progress	609	"	"
			.....	2	"	"
			.....	9	"	"
			La Fayette	71	"	"
B	Carl A. Sundstrom, of Lodge No. 444 ...	Philadelphia.....	Solomon's	114	"	"
			Mount Moriah	155	"	"
			Philo	444	"	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
C	Samuel A. Boyle, of Lodge No. 126	Philadelphia	Stephen Girard	450	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Philates	527	"	"
			Fernwood	543	"	"
			E. Coppée Mitchell . . .	605	"	"
			.....	3	"	"
			Concordia	67	"	"
			Columbia	91	"	"
			Rising Star	126	"	"
			Eastern Star	186	"	"
			Oriental	385	"	"
			Vaux	393	"	"
			William B. Schnider . .	419	"	"
			Palestine	470	"	"
			Radiant Star	606	"	"
					
D	Thomas Biddle Ellis, of Lodge No. 158	Philadelphia	Montgomery	19	"	"
			Harmony	52	"	"
			Phoenix	130	"	"
			Meridian Sun	158	"	"
			Integrity	187	"	"
			Pennsylvania	380	"	"
			Henry W. Williams . .	624	"	"
			Charles M. Swain	654	"	"
			Matthias H. Henderson	661	"	"
			Peter A. B. Widener . .	671	"	"
E	Adolph Eichholz, of Lodge No. 359	Philadelphia	51	"	"
			St. John's	115	"	"

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F	Dudley T. Limerick, of Lodge No. 134	Hermann	125	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
		Keystone	271	"	"
		Humboldt	359	"	"
		Apollo	386	"	"
		Perkins	402	"	"
		Athelstan	482	"	"
		Gothic	519	"	"
		Olivet	607	"	"
		Franklin	134	"	"
		Kensington	211	"	"
		Richmond	230	"	"
		Williamson	369	"	"
		.....	432	"	"
		St. Paul's	481	"	"
		Robert A. Lamberton	487	"	"
		William C. Hamilton	500	"	"
		Mount Horeb	528	"	"
		Equity	591	"	"
		Robert R. Bringhurst	686	"	"
G	Samuel J. Bredin, of Lodge No. 289.	Industry	131	"	"
		Hamilton	274	"	"
		Orient	289	"	"
		Mozart	436	"	"
		Ivanhoe	449	"	"
		St. Alban	529	"	"
		Taony	600	"	"
		Michael Arnold	636	"	"
		Conrad B. Day	645	"	"
		Thomas R. Patton	659	"	"
		Philadelphia	72	"	"
		Frankford	292	"	"
		Melita	295	"	"
		Philadelphia			
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H	John E. McCully, of Lodge No. 72.	Philadelphia			
		Philadelphia			

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
1	Thaddeus G. Helm, of Lodge No. 43	Lancaster, Lancaster Co.	Richard Vaux	384	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Potter	441	"	"
			Covenant	456	"	"
			Jerusalem	506	"	"
			University	610	"	"
			Colonial	631	"	"
			William L. Elkins	646	"	"
			. . . . .	43	Lancaster	Lancaster.
			Washington	156	Quarryville	"
			Columbia	286	Columbia	"
			Ashara	398	Marietta	"
			Christiana	417	Christiana	"
			Lamberton	476	Lancaster	"
			Charles M. Howell	496	Millersville	"
			Casiphia	551	Mount Joy	"
			Manheim	587	Manheim	"
			Ephrata	665	Ephrata	"
2	William S. Snyder, of Lodge No. 464	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.	. . . . .	682	Elizabethtown	"
			Perseverance	21	Harrisburg	Dauphin.
			Susquehanna	364	Millersburg	"
			Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg	"
			Prince Edwin	486	Middletown	"
			Ashlar	570	Lykens	"
			Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg	"
			Brownstone	666	Hummelstown	"
			Mount Lebanon	226	Lebanon	Lebanon.
			Cumberland Star	197	Carlisle	Cumberland.
3	Samuel M. Goodyear, of Lodge No. 197	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.	St. John's	260	"	"

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4	George H. Shirk, of Lodge No. 348	Hanover, York Co.	Eureka. Cumberland Valley. Big Spring. West Shore. George Washington. Orrstown. Mount Pisgah. Good Samaritan. Hebron Patmos Shrewsbury Acacia	302 315 361 681 143 262 443 336 465 348 423 586	Mechanicsburg Shippensburg Newville Camp Hill Chambersburg. Orrstown Greencastle. Gettysburg New Oxford. Hanover Shrewsbury Waynesboro'	Cumberland. " " " Franklin. " " Adams. " York. " Franklin.
5	Charles A. Sullivan, of Lodge No. 383	Coatesville, Chester Co. . . .	Williamson West Chester. Thomson Skerrett Goddard Howell. Coatesville Keystone	309 322 340 343 383 405 564 569	Downingtown West Chester. Green Tree Station. Cochranville Coatesville Honeybrook. Coatesville Parkesburg	Chester. " " " " " " "
6	Thaddeus S. Adle, of Lodge No. 190	Norristown, Montg'y Co.	Charity Cassia Warren Fritz. Shiloh Norristown Wayné	190 273 310 420 558 620 581	Norristown Ardmore. Collegeville. Conshohocken Lansdale. Norristown Wayne	Montgomery. " " " " " Delaware.
7	Jenkin Hill, of Lodge No. 435	Reading, Berks Co. Chandler Williamson Teutonia Huguenot	62 227 307 367 377	Reading " Womelsdorf. Reading Kutztown	Berks. " " " "

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
8	Edgar S. Nash, of Lodge No. 400 ...	Wyncote, Mont. Co....	Vaux	406	Hamburg	Berks.
			St. John's	435	Reading	"
			Union	479	Birdsboro'	"
			Reading	549	Reading	"
			Isaac Hiester	660	"	"
			Bristol	25	Bristol	Bucks.
			Doylestown	245	Doylestown	"
			Newtown	427	Newtown	"
			Quakertown	512	Quakertown	"
			MacCalla	596	Sellersville	"
			Fort Washington ...	308	Fort Washington ...	Montgomery.
			Friendship	400	Jenkintown	"
			W. K. Bray	410	Hatboro'	"
9	Joseph F. Andrews, of Lodge No. 152	Easton, Northampton Co.	Easton	152	Easton	Northampton.
			Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	"
			Dallas	396	Easton	"
			Hellertown	563	Hellertown	"
			Chapman	637	Northampton	"
			H. Stanley Goodwin ..	648	South Bethlehem ...	"
			Prosperity	567	Riegelsville	Bucks.
			Porter	284	Catasauqua	Lehigh.
			Lehigh	326	Trexlerstown	"
			Barger	333	Allentown	"
10	Milton P. Schantz, of Lodge No. 333	Allentown, Lehigh Co....	Slatington	440	Slatington	"
			Saucon	469	Coopersburg	"
			Greenleaf	561	Allentown	"
			Jordan	673	"	"

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11	William S. Pugh, of Lodge No. 216	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.	Schuylkill	138	Orwigsburg	Schuylkill.
			Pulaski	216	Pottsville	"
			Minersville	222	Minersville	"
			Tamaqua	238	Tamaqua	"
			Swatara	267	Tremont	"
			Page	270	Schuylkill Haven	"
			Anthracite	285	St. Clair	"
			Ashland	294	Ashland	"
			Mahanoy City	357	Mahanoy City	"
			Pine Grove	409	Pine Grove	"
			Cressona	426	Cressona	"
			Shenandoah	511	Shenandoah	"
			Panther Valley	677	Lansford	Carbon.
12	Harold N. Rust, of Lodge No. 61	Wilkes-Barre, Luz'ne Co.	.....	61	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne.
			St. John's	233	Pittston	"
			Plymouth	332	Plymouth	"
			Sylvania	354	Shickshinny	"
			Kingston	395	Kingston	"
			Landmark	442	Wilkes-Barre	"
			Wyoming	468	Wyoming	"
			Coalville	474	Ashley	"
			Valley	499	Pittston	"
			George M. Dallas	531	Dallas	"
			Nanticoke	541	Nanticoke	"
			Fidelity	655	Wilkes-Barre	"
			.....	249	Carbondale	Lackawanna.
13	Thomas F. Wells, of Lodge No. 323	Scranton, Lackaw'na Co.	Carbondale	249	Carbondale	"
			Hiram	261	Scranton	"
			Union	291	"	"
			Waverly	301	Clark's Summit	"
			Peter Williamson	323	Scranton	"
			Hyde Park	339	"	"
			Schiller	345	"	"
			.....	249	Carbondale	Lackawanna.
			Hiram	261	Scranton	"
			Union	291	"	"
			Waverly	301	Clark's Summit	"
			Peter Williamson	323	Scranton	"
			Hyde Park	339	"	"
			Schiller	345	"	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
14	William H. Hulsizer, of Lodge No. 218	Honesdale, Wayne Co. . .	Kingsbury	466	Olyphant	Lackawanna.
			Moscow	504	Moscow	"
			Aurora	523	Jermyn	"
			Acacia	579	Taylor	"
			King Solomon	584	Dunmore	"
			Oriental Star	588	Peckville	"
			Green Ridge	597	Scranton	"
			Moosic	664	Moosic	"
			Honesdale	218	Honesdale	Wayne.
			Hawley	305	Hawley	"
			Salem	330	Hamlin	"
			Waymart	542	Waymart	"
			Milford	344	Milford	Pike.
			Warren	240	Montrose	Susquehanna.
15	Homer E. Spencer, of Lodge No. 360	Susquehanna, Susq'a Co.	Freedom	328	Jackson	"
			Great Bend	338	Great Bend	"
			Canawacta	360	Susquehanna	"
			Forest City	439	Forest City	"
			Harford	445	Hop Bottom	"
			Mount Hermon	472	Uniondale	"
			New Milford	507	New Milford	"
			Factoryville	341	Factoryville	Wyoming.
			Nicholson	438	Nicholson	"
			Rural Amity	70	Athens	Bradford.
			Union	108	Towanda	"
			Evergreen	163	Monroeton	"
16	John W. Coddington, of Lodge No. 108	Towanda, Bradford Co. . .				

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17	Howard F. Marsh, of Lodge No. 317	Wellsboro, Tioga Co.	Trojan Canton Roman Smithfield Le Ray Wyalusing Temple Franklin	306 415 418 428 471 618 248 263	Troy Canton Rome East Smithfield Le Raysville Wyalusing Tunkhannock Laceyville	Bradford. " " " " " Wyoming. "
18	S. Carbon Wolfe, of Lodge No. 106	Williamsport, Lyco'g Co	Friendship Ossea Bloss Cowanesque Tioga Osceola Westfield	247 317 350 351 373 421 477	Mansfield Wellsboro' Blossburg Knoxville Tioga Elkland Westfield	Tioga. " " " " " "
19	Ezra C. Doty, of Lodge No. 324	Mifflintown, Juniata Co.	La Belle Vallée Muncy Eureka Ivy Charity Mifflinburg	106 232 299 335 397 144 370	Williamsport Jersey Shore Muncy Montoursville Williamsport Lewisburg Mifflinburg	Lycoming. " " " " Union. "
20	Henry H. Baish, of Lodge No. 281	Altoona, Blair Co.	Adams Newport Perry Lewistown McVeytown Union Lamberton Portage Mountain	319 381 458 203 376 324 371 220 281	New Bloomfield Newport Marysville Lewistown McVeytown Mifflintown Thompsons town Holidaysburg Altoona	Perry. " " Mifflin. " Juniata. " Blair. "

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
21	W. Harrison Walker, of Lodge No. 268	Bellefonte, Centre Co. . . .	Juniata	282	Hollidaysburg	Blair.
			Logan	490	Altoona	"
			Tyrone	494	Tyrone	"
			Woodbury	539	Roaring Spring	"
			Hiram	616	Altoona	"
			Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	Centre.
			Moshannon	391	Philipsburg	"
			Old Fort	537	Center Hall	"
			Clearfield	314	Clearfield	Clearfield.
			Noble	480	Curwensville	"
22	Lyman M. Finney, of Lodge No. 334	Bradford, McKean Co. . . .	Osceola	515	Osceola Mills	"
			Garfield	559	Du Bois	"
			Coalport	574	Coalport	"
			John W. Jenks	534	Punxsutawney	Jefferson.
			Union	334	Bradford	McKean.
			McKean	388	Smethport	"
			Liberty	505	Port Allegany	"
			Northern Star	555	Duke Center	"
			Eldred	560	Eldred	"
			Kane	566	Kane	"
23	William J. Gealy, of Lodge No. 363	Oil City, Venango Co. . . .	Mount Jewett	627	Mount Jewett	"
			North Star	241	Warren	Warren.
			Columbus	264	Columbus	"
			Temple	412	Tidioute	"
			Stillwater	547	Sugar Grove	"
			Myrtle	316	Franklin	Venango.
			Petrolia	363	Oil City	"
			Fraternal	483	Rouseville	"

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24	David A. Sawdey, of Lodge No. 392	Erie, Erie Co.	Olive. Acacia Western Star. Lake Erie Tyrian Corry Eureka Perry North East. Oasis. Waterford Keystone Wattsburg	557 633 304 347 362 365 366 392 399 416 425 455 533	Tionesta Marienville. Albion Girard Erie Corry Union City Erie North East. Edinboro'. Waterford Erie Wattsburg	Forest. " Erie. " " " " " " " " " " "
25	Adrian W. McCoy, of Lodge No. 234	Meadville, Crawford Co.	Crawford Western Crawford. Oil Creek. Spartan Shepherd Covenant. Pine	234 258 303 372 408 463 473 498	Meadville. Conneautville Titusville Spartansburg Meadville Titusville Cambridge Springs. Linesville	Crawford. " " " " " " "
26	John S. Wallace, of Lodge No. 433	New Castle, Lawrence Co.	Mahoning Lodge of the Craft. Ellwood. New Castle. Sharon Eureka Kedron Adelphic Lake Sharpsville Hebron	243 433 599 642 250 290 389 424 434 517 575	New Castle. " Ellwood City. New Castle. Sharon Greenville West Middlesex. Jamestown. Sandy Lake. Sharpsville Mercer	Lawrence. " " " Mercer. " " " " " "

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District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
27	William B. Meredith, of Lodge No. 244	Kittanning, Armstr'g Co.	Grove City	603	Grove City	Mercer.
			Shenango	668	Sharon	"
			Butler	272	Butler	Butler.
			Argyle	540	Chicora	"
			Armstrong	239	Freeport	Armstrong.
			Kittanning	244	Kittanning	"
			Parker City	521	Parker's Landing	"
			Leechburg	577	Leechburg	"
			Hobah	276	Brookville	Jefferson.
			John M. Read	536	Reynoldsville	"
			Clarion	277	Clarion	Clarion.
			Canby	520	St. Petersburg	"
			New Bethlehem	522	New Bethlehem	"
			Edenburgh	550	Edenburgh	"
			East Brady	640	East Brady	"
28	William M. Hamilton, of Lodge No. 576	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Allegheny Valley	552	Emlenton	Venango.
			. . . . .	45	Pittsburgh	Allegheny.
			St. John's	219	"	"
			Franklin	221	"	"
			Solomon	231	"	"
29	Ralph M. Allison, of Lodge No. 164	Washington, Wash. Co.	Washington	253	"	"
			Washington	164	Washington	Washington.
			Beallsville	237	Beallsville	"
			Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	"
			Claysville	447	Claysville	"
			Richard Vaux	454	Burgettstown	"
			Garfield	604	McDonald	"
			Sunset	623	Washington	"
			Waynesburg	153	Waynesburg	Greene.
			Washington	164	Washington	Washington.

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30	R. Kay Portser, of Lodge No. 518	Greensburg, Westm'd Co.	Philanthropy Loyalhanna Ligonier Westmoreland Marion La Monte Blyth Shidle Tyrian	225 275 331 518 562 568 593 601 644	Greensburg Latrobe Ligonier Greensburg Scottdale Derry Station West Newton Irwin New Kensington	Westmorland. " " " " " " " "
31	John M. Core, of Lodge No. 228	Uniontown, Fayette Co.	Brownsville Fayette Gummert King Solomon's Valley James Cochran Laurel	60 228 252 346 459 614 651	Brownsville Uniontown Fayette City Connellsville Masontown Dawson Uniontown	Fayette. " " " " " "
32	Clarence A. Ferguson, of Lodge No. 430	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Jefferson Stuckrath Zeredatha Pollock Ionic Corinthian Park	288 430 448 502 525 573 676	Pittsburgh, N. S. " Sharpsburg Tarentum Pittsburgh, N. S. Millvale Borough Pittsburgh, N. S.	Allegheny. " " " " " "
33	J. Harris Mussina, of Lodge No. 199	Lock Haven, Clinton Co.	La Fayette Renovo Elk Wilcox George E. Wagner James W. Brown Emporium Driftwood	199 495 379 571 639 675 382 532	Lock Haven Renovo Ridgway Wilcox St. Marys Johnsonburg Emporium Driftwood	Clinton. " Elk. " " " Cameron. "

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District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
34	Howard C. Frontz, of Lodge No. 300	Huntingdon, Hunt'n Co.	Mount Moriah..... Cromwell Bedford Everett Hyndman	300 572 320 524 589	Huntingdon..... Orbisonia Bedford..... Everett Hyndman.....	Huntingdon. " Bedford. " "
35	Harvey A. McKillip, of Lodge No. 265	Bloomsburg, Columbia Co.	Danville Mahoning..... Washington Catawissa Oriental Knapp..... Benton.....	224 516 265 349 460 462 667	Danville " Bloomsburg..... Catawissa Orangeville Berwick..... Benton.....	Montour. " Columbia. " " " "
36	A. G. Criswell Smith, of Lodge No. 298....	Media, Delaware Co.....	Chester George W. Bartram.. Lucius H. Scott..... Prospect Concord..... Oxford..... Kennett..... New London.....	236 298 352 578 625 353 475 545	Chester Media Chester Moore..... Concordville..... Oxford Kennett Square..... West Grove.....	Delaware. " " " " Chester. " "
37	James K. Scott, of Lodge No. 229	Pittsburgh, Allegh'y Co.	Rochester Union St. James..... Beaver Valley..... Glasgow Parian Woodlawn Harmony Meridian	229 259 457 478 485 662 672 429 411	Rochester New Brighton..... Beaver Beaver Falls..... Midland..... Beaver Falls Woodlawn..... Zelienople Enon Valley	Beaver. " " " " " " Butler. Lawrence.
38	William A. Jordan, of Lodge No. 647	Pittsburgh, Allegh'y Co.	Braddock's Field..... Verona.....	510 548	Braddock Verona.....	Allegheny. "

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39	William S. Daugherty, of Lodge No. 313	Indiana, Indiana Co.	Homestead Orient Beta Swissvale Wilkinsburg Amity Indiana Acacia Williamson Apollo Kiskiminetas Stichter Royersford Perkiomen Phoenix Mt. Pickering Spring City	582 590 647 656 683 685 313 355 431 437 617 254 585 595 75 446 553	Homestead Wilkinsburg " Swissvale Wilkinsburg Homestead Indiana Blairsville Saltsburg Apollo Vandergrift Pottstown Royersford East Greenville Phoenixville Upper Uwchlan Spring City	Allegheeny. " " " " " Indiana. " " Armstrong. Westmoreland. Montgomery. " " Chester. " " Cambria. " " " Somerset. " York. " " " " Washington. " " " Allegheeny. Westmoreland. Fayette.
40	William H. Maxwell, of Lodge No. 254	Pottstown, Montgo'ry Co.	Cambria Summit Johnstown Patton Somerset Meyersdale York Zeredatha Riverside Red Lion Friendship Henry M. Phillips Monongahela Valley Charleroi Donora Stephen Bayard Monessen Belle Vernon	278 312 538 658 358 554 266 451 503 649 663 337 461 615 626 526 638 643	Johnstown Ebensburg Johnstown Patton Somerset Meyersdale York " Wrightsville Red Lion Fawn Grove Monongahela California Charleroi Donora Elizabeth Monessen Belle Vernon	Cambria. " " " Somerset. " York. " " " " Washington. " " " Allegheeny. Westmoreland. Fayette.
41	John G. Broad, of Lodge No. 278	South Fork, Cambria Co.				
42	George Hay Kain, of Lodge No. 266	York, York Co.				
43	William Dana McBryar, of Lodge No. 526	Elizabeth, Allegheny Co.				

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District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
44	Ernest L. Wentworth, of Lodge No. 342	Coudersport, Potter Co. . .	Eulalia	342	Coudersport	Potter.
			Lewisville	556	Ulysses	"
			Arcana	580	Austin	"
			Adelpha	592	Harrison Valley	"
			Sharon	598	Shinglehouse	"
			Galeton	602	Galeton	"
			Hazle	327	Hazleton	Luzerne.
			Azalea	687	"	"
			Laurel	467	White Haven	"
			Arbutus	611	Freeland	"
45	Ira G. Ross, of Lodge No. 242	Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co.	Carbon	242	Mauch Chunk	Carbon.
			Lehighton	621	Lehighton	"
			.....	22	Sunbury	Northumberland.
			Shamokin	255	Shamokin	"
			Milton	256	Milton	"
			Mount Carmel	378	Mount Carmel	"
			Watson town	401	Watson town	"
			Eureka	404	Northumberland	"
			Elysburg	414	Elysburg	"
			Maclay	632	Sunbury	"
46	Frederic A. Godcharles, of Lodge No. 256	Milton, Northumb'l'd Co.	Cedar	670	Mount Carmel	"
			La Fayette	194	Selinsgrove	Snyder.
			Middleburg	619	Middleburg	"
			Monongahela	269	Pittsburgh	Allegheny.
			Germania	509	"	"
			Guyasuta	513	"	"
			Centennial	544	Carnegie	"
			La Fayette	652	"	"
			Crafton	653	Crafton	"
			Oakdale	669	Oakdale	"
47	William D. McIlroy, of Lodge No. 219	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Coraopolis	674	Coraopolis	"
			684	Dormont	"

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48	J. Harvey Harrison, of Lodge No. 321	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Hailman Duquesne Joppa Fort Pitt Homewood	321 546 608 634 635	Pittsburgh " " " "	Allegheny. " " " "
49	John A. Caughey, of Lodge No. 583	McKeesport, Allegh'y Co.	Alliquippa Youghiogheny Tyrian Valley McKeesport	375 583 612 613 641	McKeesport " Wilmerding Turtle Creek McKeesport	Allegheny. " " " "
50	Samuel E. Shull, of Lodge No. 325	Stroudsburg, Monroe Co.	Barger J. Simpson Africa Portland Manoquesy Bangor Pen Argyl Whitfield	325 628 311 413 565 594 622	Stroudsburg East Stroudsburg Portland Bath Bangor Pen Argyl Nazareth	Monroe. " Northampton. " " " "
51	Benjamin Page, of Lodge No. 679	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Milnor McCandless Pittsburgh Dallas Oakland	287 390 484 508 535	Pittsburgh " " " "	Allegheny. " " " "
52	Albert C. Rohland, of Lodge No. 608	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Crescent Geter C. Shidle Temple Fellowship Bellefield	576 650 678 679 680	Pittsburgh " " " "	Allegheny. " " " "
53	Sion B. Smith, of Lodge No. 530	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Allegheny McKinley Davage Bellevue Doric Avalon	223 318 374 530 630 657	Pittsburgh, N. S. " " Bellevue Sewickley Bellevue	Allegheny. " " " " "

Brother William B. Joslyn, of Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia, Instructor of Work.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND

From its Organization on the 25th day of September, A.D. 1786,
Grand Lodge of England, having been closed forever), with years

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1786 ¹	* William Adcock.	* Alexander Rutherford.†	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.
1787 ²	do.	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.†	* Joseph Dean.
1788 ³	do.	do.	do.
1789	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	* George Ord.	do.
1790	do.	do.	* Joseph Few.
1791	do.	* Joseph Few.	* Thomas Proctor.
1792	do.	do.	do.
1793	do.	* John Carson.	* Gavin Hamilton.
1794	do.	do.	* John McCree.
1795	* William Ball.	* William Moore Smith.	* Thomas Town.
1796	* William Moore Smith.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.
1797	do.	do.	do.
1798	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	do.	do.
1799	do.	* Israel Israel.	* James Milnor.
1800	do.	do.	do.
1801	do.	do.	do.
1802	do.	* James Milnor.	* John W. Van Cleve.
1803	* Israel Israel.	* John Armantiere Monges.	* Ebenezer Ferguson.
1804	do.	* James Milnor.	do.
1805	do.	* Frederick Wolbert.	* Robert Pullen.
1806	* James Milnor.	do.	* Robert Lewis.
1807	do.	do.	do.
1808	do.	* Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.	do.
1809	do.	do.	* Richard Tybout.
1810	do.	do.	do.
1811	do.	do.	do.
1812	do.	do.	do.
1813	do.	* Richard Tybout.	* Joseph Burden.
1814	* Richard Tybout.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.
1815	* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.
1816	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.
1817	do.	do.	do.
1818	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.	* Thomas Elliott.
1819	do.	do.	do.
1820	do.	* Thomas Elliott.	* Josiah Randall.
1821	do.	do.	do.
1822	* Josiah Randall.	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.
1823	do.	do.	do.
1824	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.
1825	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.
1826	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.
1827	do.	do.	do.
1828	do.	do.	do.
1829	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.
1830	do.	do.	do.
1831	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.
1832	do.	do.	do.
1833	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.
1834	do.	do.	do.
1835	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.
1836	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.	* John M. Read.
1837	* John M. Read.	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* William Stephens.
1838	do.	do.	* Joseph R. Chandler.
1839	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.
1840	do.	do.	do.
1841	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.
1842	do.	do.	do.
1843	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.	* James Page.
1844	* William Barger.	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.
1845	do.	do.	do.

* Deceased.

† Appointed by Grand Master.

¹ Election held September 25.

² Election held January 2.

³ Election held December 17, 1787.

LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

A.L. 5786 (the Provincial Grand Lodge, under a Warrant from the of service, the Election occurring annually in December preceding.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* Joseph Dean.	* Gavin Hamilton.	* Assheton Humphreys.	1786 ¹
* George Ord.	do.	do.	1787 ²
do.	do.	do.	1788 ³
* Joseph Few.	do.	do.	1789
* William McIlwaine.	do.	* P. Le Barbier Duplessis.	1790
* Gavin Hamilton.	* Benjamin Mason.	do.	1791
do.	do.	do.	1792
* John McCree.	* Edward Fox.	do.	1793
* Edward Fox.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1794
* John Poor.	* John McElwee.	* Thomas Armstrong.	1795
do.	do.	do.	1796
* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	* George A. Baker.	1797
* David Irving.	do.	do.	1798
* Charles Patton.	do.	do.	1799
* Archibald Alexander.	do.	do.	1800
* John W. Van Cleve.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1801
* Ebenezer Ferguson.	do.	do.	1802
* Robert Pullen.	do.	do.	1803
do.	do.	do.	1804
* Robert Poalk.	* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	1805
do.	do.	do.	1806
do.	do.	do.	1807
do.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.	1808
do.	do.	do.	1809
* Joseph Burden.	do.	do.	1810
do.	do.	do.	1811
do.	do.	do.	1812
* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	do.	1813
* Walter Kerr.	* Thomas Astley.	do.	1814
* Joseph Barnes.	* Richard Bache.	do.	1815
* Richard Bache.	* Joseph S. Lewis.	do. ⁴	1816
* Thomas Elliott.	do.	* George A. Baker, Jr.	1817
* Josiah Randall.	do.	do.	1818
do.	do.	do.	1819
* William McCorkle.	do.	do.	1820
* James Harper.	do.	do.	1821
* Thomas Kittera.	do.	do.	1822
do.	do.	do. ⁵	1823
* Samuel Badger.	do.	* Bernard Dahlgren.	1824
* Michael Nisbet.	do. ⁶	* Samuel H. Thomas.	1825
* John Steele.	* Robert Toland.	do.	1826
do.	do.	do.	1827
do.	* Solomon Allen.	do.	1828
* George M. Dallas.	* Randal Hutchinson.	do.	1829
do.	do.	do.	1830
* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	do.	1831
do.	do.	* John M. Read.	1832
* Robert Toland.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	1833
do.	do.	do.	1834
* John M. Read.	* Robinson R. Moore.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	1835
* Samuel H. Perkins.	do.	do.	1836
* Joseph R. Chandler.	do.	do.	1837
* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	do.	1838
* Francis Cooper.	do.	do.	1839
* William Barger.	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1840
* John W. McGrath.	do.	do.	1841
do.	* John Thomson.	do. ⁷	1842
* Peter Fritz.	do.	* William H. Adams.	1843
* William Whitney.	do.	do.	1844
do.	do.	do.	1845

⁴ Died after his re-election, in December, 1816; his son, George A. Baker, Jr., appointed.

⁵ Died October, 1823. Nathan R. Potts appointed.

⁶ Resigned, March 7, 1825. Robert Toland elected, March 21, 1825.

⁷ Died in office, May, 1842. William H. Adams appointed, June 6.

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Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1846	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.
1847	do.	do.	do.
1848	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.
1849	do.	do.	do.
1850	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.
1851	do.	do.	do.
1852	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.
1853	do.	do.	do.
1854	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.
1855	do.	do.	do.
1856	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.	* Henry M. Phillips.
1857	do.	do.	do.
1858	* John K. Mitchell. ²	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.
1859	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.
1860	do.	do.	do.
1861	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.
1862	do.	do.	do.
1863	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.
1864	do.	do.	do.
1865	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.	* Richard Vaux.
1866	do.	do.	do.
1867	* John L. Goddard. ⁴	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.
1868	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.
1869	do.	do.	do.
1870	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.
1871	do.	do.	do.
1872	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.
1873	do.	do.	do.
1874	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.
1875	do.	do.	do.
1876	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.
1877	do.	do.	do.
1878	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.	* Samuel B. Dick.
1879	* Michael Nisbet.	* Samuel B. Dick.	* Conrad B. Day.
1880	do.	do.	do.
1881	* Samuel B. Dick.	* Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.
1882	do.	do.	do.
1883	* Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.
1884	do.	do.	do.
1885	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.
1886	do.	do.	do.
1887	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.
1888	do.	do.	do.
1889	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.
1890	do.	do.	do.
1891	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.	* Matthias H. Henderson.
1892	do.	do.	do.
1893	* Michael Arnold.	* Matthias H. Henderson.	* William J. Kelly.
1894	do.	do.	do.
1895	* Matthias H. Henderson.	* William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.
1896	do.	do.	do.
1897	* William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.	* George E. Wagner.
1898	do.	do.	do.
1899	* Henry W. Williams. ⁶	* George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.
1900	* George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.	* James W. Brown.
1901	do.	do.	do.
1902	Edgar A. Tennis.	* James W. Brown.	George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1903	do.	do.	do.
1904	* James W. Brown.	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.
1905	do.	do.	do.
1906	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.	George W. Guthrie.
1907	do.	do.	do.
1908	George B. Orlady.	George W. Guthrie.	William L. Gorgas.
1909	do.	do.	do.
1910	George W. Guthrie.	William L. Gorgas.	J. Henry Williams.
1911	do.	do.	do.
1912	William L. Gorgas.	J. Henry Williams.	Louis A. Watres.
1913	do.	do.	do.
1914	J. Henry Williams.	Louis A. Watres.	James B. Krause.
1915	do.	do.	do.
1916	Louis A. Watres.	James B. Krause.	John S. Sell.
1917	do.	do.	do.

* Deceased.

¹ Died in office, January, 1851. Peter Williamson elected, March 3, 1851.

² Died in office, April 8, 1858.

³ Died in office, February 11, 1866. John Thomson appointed.

⁴ Died in office, July 17, 1867.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* Anthony Bournonville.	* John Thomson.	* William H. Adams.	1846
do.	do.	do.	1847
* James Hutchinson.	do.	do.	1848
do.	do.	do.	1849
* Alexander Diamond.	do.	do.	1850
do. ¹	do.	do.	1851
* John K. Mitchell.	do.	do.	1852
do.	do.	do.	1853
* Henry M. Phillips.	* Thomas E. Baxter.	do.	1854
do.	do.	do.	1855
* John Thomson.	do.	do.	1856
do.	* James Shields.	do.	1857
* David C. Skerrett.	* Peter Williamson.	do.	1858
* Lucius H. Scott.	do.	do.	1859
do.	do.	do.	1860
* John L. Goddard.	do.	do.	1861
do.	do.	do.	1862
* Richard Vaux.	do.	do.	1863
do.	do.	do.	1864
* Robert A. Lamberton.	do.	do.	1865
do.	do.	do. ³	1866
* Samuel C. Perkins.	do.	* John Thomson.	1867
* Alfred R. Potter.	do.	do.	1868
do.	do.	do.	1869
* Robert Clark.	do.	do.	1870
do.	do.	do.	1871
* James Madison Porter.	* Thomas Brown.	do.	1872
do.	do.	do.	1873
* Michael Nisbet.	* Thomas R. Patton.	do.	1874
do.	do.	do.	1875
* Samuel B. Dick.	do.	do.	1876
do.	do.	do.	1877
* Conrad B. Day.	do.	do.	1878
* E. Coppée Mitchell.	do.	do.	1879
do.	do.	do.	1880
* Joseph Eichbaum.	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1881
do.	do.	do.	1882
* Clifford P. MacCalla.	do.	do.	1883
do.	do.	do.	1884
* J. Simpson Africa.	do.	do.	1885
do.	do.	do.	1886
* Michael Arnold.	do.	do.	1887
do.	do.	do.	1888
* Matthias H. Henderson.	do.	do.	1889
do.	do.	do.	1890
* William J. Kelly.	do.	do.	1891
do.	do.	do.	1892
* Henry W. Williams.	do.	do.	1893
do.	do.	do.	1894
* George E. Wagner.	do.	do.	1895
do.	do.	do. ⁵	1896
Edgar A. Tennis.	do.	* William A. Sinn.	1897
do.	do.	do.	1898
* James W. Brown.	do.	do.	1899
George W. Kendrick, Jr.	do.	do.	1900
do.	do.	do.	1901
George B. Orlady.	do.	do.	1902
do.	do.	do.	1903
* Charles M. Swain. ⁷	do.	do.	1904
George W. Guthrie.	do.	do.	1905
William L. Gorgas.	do.	do.	1906
do.	do. ⁸	do.	1907
J. Henry Williams.	William B. Hackenburg	do.	1908
do.	do.	do.	1909
Louis A. Watres.	do.	do.	1910
do.	do.	do. ⁹	1911
James B. Krause.	do.	John A. Perry.	1912
do.	do.	do.	1913
John S. Sell.	do.	do.	1914
do.	do.	do.	1915
Abraham M. Beitler.	do.	do.	1916
do.	do.	do.	1917

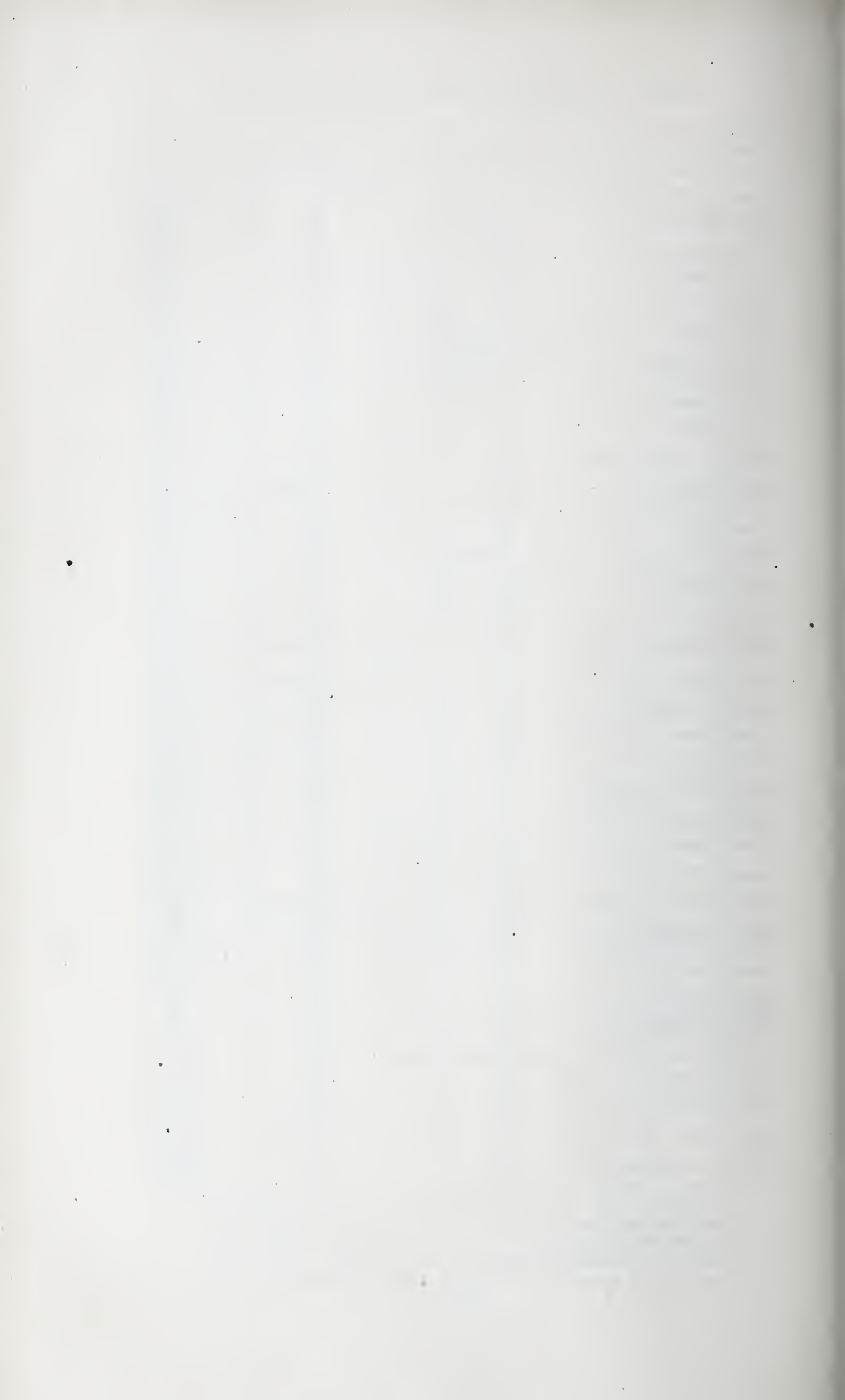
⁵ Died in office, May 7, 1896. William A. Sinn appointed, May 15, 1896.

⁶ Died in office, January 25, 1899.

⁷ Died in office, July 23, 1904.

⁸ Died in office, September 13, 1907.

⁹ Died in office, October 17, 1911. John A. Perry appointed, October 23, 1911.



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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

YOUR Committee on Correspondence, through its Chairman, presents the following report:

When one undertakes the performance of a duty for the first time he is naturally concerned to know what is required or expected of him by those to whom he must render an account. With this in mind the writer had recourse, for advice and guidance, to several active and experienced leaders in Grand Lodge affairs with the question, what is a correspondence report? what does Grand Lodge want?

A prominent Brother—of the “old school”—advised: “Study the reports of the late Past Grand Master RICHARD VAUX and follow him”; then he smiled indulgently, unmistakably challenging, “if you dare!” To his mind the literary style and subject matter of Brother VAUX’s reports are inimitable—the “last word”—and any one attempting to imitate or emulate him would make himself ridiculous by the contrast. No doubt that is true of the present writer, not only with reference to the late Brother VAUX, but all of his successors, down—in the running of time—to our late lamented Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, of whom it was said in Grand Lodge: “For sixteen years he was a member of the Committee on Correspondence and gave to that important office the pedantic care of the scientist.” Therefore, claiming

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no credit for “becoming modesty,” but simply endeavoring to realize our own limitations, we do not attempt to rival those who have heretofore presided over this department; and if satisfaction with our effort depends upon their standards of literary style, scientific knowledge and methods of treatment, we must fail and give way to another.

A second Brother, equally prominent, and of a practical turn of mind, laconically said: “Make it short; you will have few readers and printing is expensive.” We believe there is some force in the statement and will bear it in mind. On no less an authority than the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which declines to establish a correspondence department, it is said:

“When we consider the enormous expenditure of time and labor in the preparation of these Reports, the cost of printing and the small number of Brethren who read and inwardly digest them, we venture to doubt whether *le jeu vaut la chandelle*.”

Another serious Brother advised as follows:

“Above all things, keep yourself out of it; that is, withhold your opinions, abstain from criticism and avoid controversy. To follow this advice is usually difficult for the average ‘American citizen’ of positive convictions, but in this case remember that you are addressing your Brother Masons of Pennsylvania who want *facts* upon which to base *their own* opinions and conclusions. You are not their representative in expressing views on the doings of other Grand Lodges; you do not speak *ex cathedra*; and our Brethren abroad are not inviting you to be their mentor. Therefore, be a chronicler—a reporter, rather than a critic, or even a reviewer, for a review largely involves allegation of defects and criticism of the same.

“The fact is, there is little common ground in the affairs of Grand Lodges from which to proceed to profitable contro-

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versial discussion. In their independence of one another they differ in laws, regulations, policy and methods—even, to some extent, on the subject of Landmarks; they may be said to agree entirely only on the fundamental moral truths, which admit of no controversy. All we want is news of the Masonic world which keeps us in homogeneous touch with our world-wide Fraternity and from which we can note its progress and neutralize a tendency towards isolation.”

This seems like pretty good advice, and we are persuaded to follow it—with a saving clause, reserving the liberty to add such judicious and fraternal comments, that may be in proper taste, upon matters coming under our eye, reducing these, however, to a minimum. If we transgress the laws of propriety or seem to introduce a note of uncharitableness, it will be inadvertent and upon conviction thereof we are prepared to make amends!

It is too much to expect that this, our first effort, will give general satisfaction; but with a hope for better luck next time, we proceed to examine the following listed Proceedings of Grand Lodges:

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The Proceedings of a number of Jurisdictions have not been received; however, the Proceedings of sixty-five Jurisdictions have been received and reviewed as follows:

ALABAMA	1914, 1915	NEW MEXICO . . .	1914, 1915
ARIZONA	1915	NEW SOUTH WALES	
ARKANSAS	1914, 1915		1914, 1915
CALIFORNIA	1914, 1915	NEW YORK	1915, 1916
CANADA	1915	NEW ZEALAND	1915
COLORADO	1915	NORTH CAROLINA	
CONNECTICUT	1915		1915, 1916
CUBA	1911,	NORTH DAKOTA .	1915, 1916
	1912, 1914, 1915	NOVA SCOTIA . . .	1915, 1916
DELAWARE	1915	OHIO	1915
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		OKLAHOMA	1915, 1916
	1914, 1915	OREGON	1915, 1916
ENGLAND	1915	PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	
FLORIDA	1915, 1916		1915, 1916
GEORGIA	1915	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	
IDAHO	1915, 1916		1915, 1916
ILLINOIS	1915	QUEBEC	1915, 1916
INDIANA	1915, 1916	RHODE ISLAND . .	1915, 1916
IOWA	1915, 1916	SASKATCHEWAN .	1915, 1916
IRELAND	1915	SCOTLAND	1915
KANSAS	1915, 1916	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
KENTUCKY	1915		1915, 1916
LOUISIANA	1915, 1916	SOUTH CAROLINA	1915
MAINE	1915, 1916	SOUTH DAKOTA .	1915, 1916
MANITOBA	1915, 1916	TENNESSEE	1915, 1916
MARYLAND	1915	TEXAS	1915
MASSACHUSETTS	1915	UTAH	1915, 1916
MICHIGAN	1915, 1916	VERMONT	1915, 1916
MINNESOTA	1915, 1916	VICTORIA	1914, 1915
MISSISSIPPI	1915, 1916	VIRGINIA	1915, 1916
MISSOURI	1915	WASHINGTON	1915
MONTANA	1915	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
NEBRASKA	1915, 1916		1915, 1916
NEVADA	1915	WEST VIRGINIA	1915
NEW BRUNSWICK	1914, 1915	WISCONSIN	1915, 1916
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1915, 1916	WYOMING	1915
NEW JERSEY . . .	1915, 1916		

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ALABAMA—1914-1915.

Lodges, 554. Membership, 27,916. Gain, 368.

NINETY-THIRD Annual Communication December 2, 1914; ninety-fourth Annual Communication December 1, 1915, at Montgomery. Both were presided over by Grand Master HENRY CLANTON MILLER, who presented addresses of conspicuous ability and thought. While disclaiming any intention to discourage a thorough knowledge of the ritual he deplored the superficial efforts of many of the so-called "bright" Masons and officers who are satisfied with being proficient ritualists and are content to remain ignorant of the relations which the degrees bear to individual life and conduct. There are too many who can detect an error in word or position in our ceremonial work and yet are unable to give a reason for the faith that is in them and who have never realized that beyond this superficial knowledge lies the true, the real spirit of Masonry.

He gave expression to the complete harmony that should exist between our duties as good Masons and good citizens; and as general and higher education is one of the most valuable assets of the State, he believed that the Masonic institution is justified in taking an active interest in all movements for the promotion of education of the youth of our country. Conservative Masonic leaders would object to the proposition, that it approaches too near to engaging Masonry in politics, as, unfortunately, our educational machinery is to a large extent controlled by political considerations, as are nearly all our municipal and communal governments.

He reported the condition of the Craft in the Jurisdiction as "good—not ideal—but very good indeed"; more interest is shown in the study of Masonry and the Brethren living nearer in harmony with the principles of the Fraternity.

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That being true, our Brethren in Alabama may have a sense of satisfaction that their efforts are not unavailing.

At the risk of "shattering what might be termed a Landmark" he expressed the opinion that too much stress is laid upon physical perfection; that we are not consistent when we say it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man which recommend him to be made a Mason. At his suggestion Grand Lodge agreed to submit to a vote of the Lodges the following constitutional provision:

"No subordinate Lodge shall proceed to confer any or either of the degrees of Masonry upon any person who is not a man, freeborn, of the age of twenty-one years or upward, of good reputation, of sufficient natural and intellectual endowment, with an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some other obvious source of honest subsistence, from which he may be able to spare something for works of charity and for maintaining the ancient dignity and utility of the Masonic institution.

"If the petitioner be physically defective by reason of deformity or being maimed, his eligibility shall be determined by the Lodge to which he has applied, and if determined favorably to the petitioner he shall be eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry when the action of the Lodge has been approved by the Grand Master in writing."

The Masonic Home appears to be in a flourishing condition; residents December, 1915, 6 men, 30 women, 52 girls and 30 boys, total, 118; total income, \$18,131.60; total operating expense, \$16,997.86. Five residents died during the year whose combined ages was 379 years.

WALTER SMITH,	Tuscaloosa,	Grand Master.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,	Montgomery,	Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

ARIZONA—1915.

Lodges, 24. Membership, 2,564. Gain, 239.

THIRTY-THIRD Annual Communication, February 9, 1915,
at Prescott.

The address of Grand Master CHARLES M. SMITH contains a report of his representative at the conference of Grand Masters at St. Louis May 14, 1914, who believed that it would eventually lead to more uniform legislation by the various Grand Lodges, and perhaps tend to make the ritualistic work more uniform also. We hear this from many quarters after such conferences—and attempted conferences—of Grand Masters, but interjurisdictional uniformity in these respects seems to be no nearer than ever, although some of our leading Masonic writers insist that it must come.

He conveyed to the Craft the appeal of the War Relief Association and as a result the sum of \$674.30 was contributed by the Lodges.

He personally visited all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. He was emphatic in his protest against smoking, a practice found in many Lodges while at work, expressing his opinion that it is detrimental to health of the Brethren as well as the proper administration of the transactions of the Lodge. However, neither he nor the Grand Lodge appear to have put a stop to it.

He told an interesting story of a North Carolina Mason, residing temporarily in Arizona, who was indicted for a crime and who, being out of funds, applied to an Arizona Lodge for assistance. The latter Lodge obligated itself for attorney fees, after ascertaining from the North Carolina Lodge that the accused was in good standing. He was acquitted and disappeared; and the Arizona Lodge asked the North Carolina Lodge to reimburse it for expenses of the man's defense which was directed by the North Carolina Lodge. But its request was ignored notwithstanding the efforts of Grand Master

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SMITH to effect a settlement. He said that Arizona Masons are "good losers and quick to learn by experience," and reported the case as a warning to other Lodges to take due precautions in future. How often are members of the Craft thus duped by not taking ordinary precautions to protect themselves from being imposed upon.

A rather spirited discussion developed in Grand Lodge over a movement to revise the ritual. It was finally determined to appoint a committee to take up the matter and report to Grand Lodge at the 1916 communication.

Grand Lodge had under consideration the question of selecting a permanent location for its Annual Communications. It was agreed that the best interests of the Grand Lodge demanded indefinite postponement of the plan, and Tucson was selected for 1916. This matter of policy appears to be agitated periodically in itinerant Grand Lodges and its determination seems to be decided by jurisdictional conditions. On the face of it, it looks that it was decided right in this case.

GEORGE ALEXANDER,	Bisbee,	Grand Master.
GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE,	Tucson,	Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1914-1915.

Lodges, 562. Membership, 20,962.

SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Communication, November 17, 1914, at Little Rock.

In 1913 it was made a Masonic offense in this Jurisdiction to circulate or sign a petition for a liquor license. In his official address Grand Master DAVID I. MILLS reported some disregard for the regulation having developed; he applied drastic measures to enforce discipline, with satisfactory results. He was convinced that the attitude of the Grand Lodge on this question had attracted many men of high moral char-

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acter to the Lodges and was determined that that advantage should not be lost. He was equally vigorous in administering discipline for other Masonic offenses. In one case, against his instructions, a physically defective was initiated in a Lodge, and he dismissed the officers from their offices and summoned the Master before the Grand Lodge for trial. He also declared that the initiate be excluded from any Masonic privileges.

Referring again to Masonry and the liquor traffic in Arkansas, it is the law that a Mason who rents his property for use in the liquor business forfeits his Masonic standing. They just "go the whole length" on the subject.

The Grand Master reported conditions in the Jurisdiction very gratifying and a healthy increase in membership (though we cannot find in the record what it is) notwithstanding the low price of cotton and other adverse circumstances; Schools of Instruction indicate a desire for the correct and approved work; and peace and harmony generally prevail. If accessions to the Craft in Arkansas depend upon the price of cotton, at this writing business in the Lodges must be booming.

At the suggestion of a committee Grand Lodge determined to take no interest in the George Washington National Memorial Association for the reason that "Washington had never become renowned as a great Mason or rendered any great service to the Fraternity in proportion to his services as statesman and military chieftain." We wonder what they know of Washington's Masonic record and what they expected, to be worthy of their notice. A study of the subject and a pilgrimage to Alexandria, Va., might enlighten them.

Membership in the Masonic Relief Association was severed, as it was believed that the "expense brings us no corresponding benefit."

From the report of the Masonic Orphans' Home we excerpt the following statistics:

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“There are twenty-five Masonic Jurisdictions with Homes, to-wit: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Nova Scotia. In addition six states—California, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas, have two Homes each, and four states—Iowa, New York, Wisconsin and Illinois, have Homes built and controlled by the Order of the Eastern Star. This makes a total of thirty-five Homes. The thirty-one Masonic Homes are financed by 1,136,080 Freemasons, whose contributions last year were \$838,538.00. The total investment is \$5,969,036.00. Twenty-one Jurisdictions of the twenty-four have endowment funds totaling \$5,891,829.00. They are caring for 1,533 old people, and 1,935 children, a total of 3,588. An average per capita of money raised was \$250.00.”

Lodges, 563.

SEVENTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, November 6, 1915, at Little Rock.

Grand Master CHARLES E. ROSENBAUM reported that the Lodges contributed \$440.88 to the Masonic War Relief Association.

He led Grand Lodge to revise its opinion of George Washington, the Mason, after he had told the Brethren what other Grand Lodges and prominent Masons thought about it and what he saw and heard when he attended a convention of the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria; and as a result of his pilgrimage and recommendation the Grand Lodge voted \$100 to become a member of the Association.

The Grand Secretary's report is not complete in the Proceedings owing to the fact that forty Lodges had not made their returns.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The session of the Grand Lodge continued for two days and a large amount of business was disposed of, but little or nothing to be mentioned to interest our readers.

L. P. KEMPER,	Siloam Springs,	Grand Master.
FAY HEMPSTEAD,	Little Rock,	Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1915.

Lodges, 79. Membership, 7,687. Gain, 239.

FORTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, June 17, 1915, at Victoria.

Grand Master JAMES STARK had a busy year. He visited a great many of the Lodges and found "much to praise and little to blame," and the Jurisdiction, as a whole, "in a most prosperous and contented condition." He directed to be contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund \$1,000 from Grand Lodge funds, to be administered through the Grand Lodge of England. In addition to this five Lodges contributed \$169.50. Grand Lodge also appropriated \$2,500 to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

An incomplete list in the record contains the names of about 130 Masons who had enlisted for the war; it is evidently intended as a roll of honor. Amidst great enthusiasm, the Brethren rising and singing "God Save the King," resolutions were adopted referring to the war and expressing loyalty and devotion to the Crown and Empire.

That the O.E.S. does not meet with any favor or recognition is evidenced by the fact that Grand Master STARK took occasion to make some reference to it in his address, and Grand Lodge ordered it to be expunged from the record. It was also objected to that a reference to a meeting of the O.E.S. was inserted in a local newspaper immediately following a notice of the Grand Lodge meeting, "giving the impression that some connection existed between the two." We presume

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the man who noticed these things and brought them to the attention of the Grand Lodge was not married—or might have been too much married? Just the same, the writer can certify that the female attaches of the Victoria Masons are very charming people—whether they belong to the O.E.S. or not—for on a recent visit to that attractive city with a party of Masonic friends he was most delightfully entertained and the attentions of said ladies were the finishing touch to it.

Correspondence report by Brother W. A. DEWOLF-SMITH is an interesting and able document, and gives Pennsylvania (1913) extended and fraternal notice, discussing the “scholarly” correspondence report of our late Brother LAMBERTON in a complimentary manner. He is much impressed with the development of our Elizabethtown Home, which he says, “is run on a magnificent scale”; and that the per capita cost for maintenance of the 160 guests ought to “provide fairly good living.” That is exactly what the Home is for and does.

WILLIAM C. DITMARS, Vancouver, Grand Master.
DR. W. A. DEWOLF-SMITH, New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—1914-1915.

Lodges, 375. Membership, 55,341. Gain, 2,162.

SIXTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, October 13, 1914, and the sixty-sixth, October 12, 1915, both at San Francisco, Grand Master JOHN D. MURPHEY presiding at the first mentioned and Grand Master BEN J. F. BLEDSOE at the latter.

From the official address of Brother MURPHEY we learn that less than 1 in every 2,500 Masons in California is prosecuted for crimes involving moral turpitude; from which he concluded that their Lodges are living up faithfully to the traditions of our institution. He was an energetic executive and gave much time and able thought to the duties of his office.

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On the day Brother BLEDSOE was installed as Grand Master he was appointed a Judge of a newly-created U. S. District Court, and he feared that the duties of his judicial office would interfere with his duties as Grand Master. But an elaborate and impressive official address to the Grand Lodge tends to contradict the law of physics, that "a body cannot be in two places at the same time"; or else a multiplex brain enables him to do many things at the same time. We have not the time or space to mention the many interesting topics discussed by him. Among them is the time-worn protest against Pennsylvania's claim of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, to which our Brethren of other Jurisdictions—like him—will not be reconciled. In citing a case he said:

"I was led to admonish the Grand Master of Pennsylvania that 'the Grand Lodge of California does not recognize in any degree at all your claim to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates applying within the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge. We consider a candidate who has resided for at least one year within this jurisdiction, and who is in good faith a citizen of this State, available material for membership here, if he possesses the requisite qualifications in other respects.

" 'While at all times our Lodges will be most desirous, of course, of submitting to your Grand Lodge requests for waiver of jurisdiction, and for information and advice as to the character and standing of proposed candidates for initiation here who may theretofore have petitioned in Pennsylvania, nevertheless we decline to be bound or to recognize the rule of perpetual jurisdiction as contended for by your Grand Lodge, and I apprehend that it would be unprofitable further to discuss, either the reasons for, or the righteousness of, our conduct in so doing.'

"Nevertheless, as a matter of comity, and for the purpose

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of preserving the harmonious relations which should exist between Grand Lodges, as fully as possible, I have consistently endeavored to make request of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a withdrawal of its objection, whenever its rejected material was under consideration, and in the event of the failure to obtain such withdrawal, have advised our own lodges who have asked information, that they could, with the utmost propriety under California law, proceed and confer the degrees upon the petitioner if he were acceptable to them, despite the fact of the objection and proposed edict of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

All right, Judge! Your admonition is received and placed on file; and as you say, it would be unprofitable to discuss the subject further. Our position in the premises is too well known to be misunderstood and we are sorry not to be able to apologize for it.

The following is from his letter to the Masonic War Relief Association declining to assist its funds and efforts:

"As an individual, my heart goes out to the suffering citizens of Belgium; as an individual, I have contributed, and purpose in the future to contribute again, to such funds as may be collected for their assistance and benefit. As a Mason, however, and particularly as the Grand Master of the entire Masonic Brotherhood of California, I feel that I am not authorized to divert any of the funds of our order to the relief of the Belgians, howsoever greatly they may be suffering and irrespective of their present actual needs; and this for the reason that to do so would, without doubt, excite adverse criticism on the part of our good German Brethren, of whom we have many in California, and who, entertaining the feeling which they do that their mother country is rightfully at war with Belgium, would naturally and with reason, resent any show of preference or sympathy for the people of Belgium evidenced by such action as I have referred to above."

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We wish he might have found other reasons for withholding charity. Is charity to be hyphenated too? Is there a distinction between German Masons and any other kind as to charity? The War Relief Association made it clear that its funds were not to be devoted exclusively to Belgians; but even if they were, are non-combatants—women and children—to be left to starve because “our good German Brethren” feel that their “mother country is rightly at war with Belgium”—the truth of which is limited to the “feelings” of our “good German Brethren”? Is that Masonic charity? We don’t like the brand.

The Masonic world knows—in fact everybody knows—that certain officers and past officers of the Grand Lodge of California signed and permitted to be published a report, or opinion, defending the ritual of the Knights of Columbus against certain charges. It may not be generally known, however, that their action caused a furor in Masonry in California and that the episode “threatened to disturb the peace and harmony of the Craft in this Jurisdiction.” These men were freely accused of mercenary and other unworthy motives in an effort “to unduly exalt and magnify an organization in no way connected with Masonry—an organization which members of the Craft consider hostile to the best interests of our Order.” The matter was brought up in Grand Lodge and a committee appointed, from whose report the following is taken:

“WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of California has heard through the report of its committee appointed for that purpose, and by personal word and explanation on the floor of the Grand Lodge, the entire connection of Most Worshipful Motley Hewes Flint, Dana Reid Weller, Right Worshipful William Rhodes Hervey, Worshipful Samuel E. Burke and Worshipful William Kettner, with the writing, signing with Masonic titles, publication, promulgation and

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circulation of a report or opinion of the purported ritual or secret work of a certain non-Masonic organization ; and

“ WHEREAS, Such report and personal explanation justifies the conclusion reached by said committee that such action, while unfortunate and ill-advised, was not actuated by ulterior motive or intent, pecuniary reward, or hope of political preferment ; and

“ WHEREAS, The action of such self-appointed committee was without authority of, or sanction by, this Grand Body or any other Masonic body, therefore, be it

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of California does hereby most emphatically disavow and repudiate any connection with, authority for, or relation, to the aforesaid action by the brethren named, and particularly does this Grand Body regard the use of Masonic names and titles by these brethren, in this connection, as a serious mistake.

“ *Resolved, further*, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of California, that no Mason should, while describing himself as a Mason, or directing attention to his Masonic affiliations, or while using any title of a past or present officer of any Masonic Body, indorse, or appear to indorse, any organization, sect or body of men not recognized by this Grand Lodge ; or indorse, or approve, or criticise, or condemn, or in any way bear witness for or against, the ritual, or practices, or purposes, of any such organization, sect, or body of men.”

Brother EDWARD H. HART, Past Grand Master, presented a correspondence report of superior quality, in which Pennsylvania (1914) is given generous attention. He speaks of us as “the richest Jurisdiction in the world” and our Masonic Home as the “most magnificent institution of the kind on earth.”

He also doubts that the victims of the war of Masonic

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affiliation are proper subjects of Masonic charity. His reasons are, that the governments of Europe should take care of them; and "our efforts in this direction would be as a grain of sand on the seashore" anyway. He thinks that after the war is over it may be proper to "consider to what extent and how Masonic charity may be extended." Well, the great American Heart has been pouring out its charity in tidal waves to help succor the hapless and helpless victims of the war, and we are glad to know that American Masonry—in some quarters—is doing something, however little in comparison, to that end. All honor to the Masonic War Relief Association!

ALBERT G. BURNETT,	Sacramento,	Grand Master.
JOHN WICHER,	San Francisco,	Grand Secretary.

CANADA—1915.

Lodges, 445. Membership, 58,983. Gain, 3,178.

SIXTIETH Annual Communication, July 21, 1915, at Hamilton, where, sixty years before, the Grand Lodge had its birth.

After the Mayor assured the Brethren that they might be quite at home in Hamilton, they got down to business, and Grand Master WILLIAM DAVID MCPHERSON presented his official address, a large proportion of which is devoted to war topics. In response to his appeal the Lodges contributed \$45,632.81 for the relief of the Belgians, which was forwarded to their King Albert. As a bit of information on the magnitude of the conflict, he stated that the ammunition used in the battles of Langemarck and St. Julien alone, in a couple of days, exceeded all that was used throughout the entire Boer War in eight months. A roll of honor is to be compiled and published, containing the names of Masons who have enlisted for the war.

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Among his rulings were the following: that a Lodge-room could not be rented to non-Masonic bodies as joint tenants; that it could not be used for card parties or dancing; that the loss of the thumb and middle finger of the left hand was not a bar to initiation, but the loss of four fingers and the knuckles of the right hand was a bar; that a Mason convicted and sentenced to prison for a criminal offense should be tried and suspended from all Masonic privileges. All his rulings were approved by Grand Lodge.

The financial statement shows receipts for general account, \$48,401.51; general expenses, \$25,304.57; and benevolent grants, \$29,600.

One of the most interesting, strong and instructive papers in the record is the report on the "Condition of Masonry." Like all the other proceedings of the Grand Lodge, it breathes the patriotic spirit awakened in everybody and everything Canadian in these war times; but the true Masonic spirit is of a higher order and refreshing to the reader. We excerpt the following:

"When is a man a Mason? When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die! Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world."

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Correspondence report by Past Grand Master A. T. FREED is comprehensive in its review of the Masonic world and full of valuable information to his Brethren. He refers to the magnitude of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (1914) and says we "had very able men to deal with them." Quite true; in a financial sense we are getting into the realm of "big business"; and the unselfish devotion and conspicuous executive ability of our administrators are things upon which we congratulate ourselves.

SYDNEY A. LUKE,	Ottawa,	Grand Master.
R. E. GUNN,	Hamilton,	Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—1915.

Lodges, 129. Membership, 17,422. Gain, 664.

FIFTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, September 21, 1915, at Denver.

The official address of Grand Master CHARLES H. DUDLEY reported an unusual case for decision. A petition was presented to a Lodge with a check attached for the fee. The petition took the usual course, the check was not cashed, and upon ballot the applicant was rejected. In the meantime the bank upon which the check was drawn failed. The applicant demanded that the Lodge return to him in cash the amount of the check. The Grand Master sustained his demand and Grand Lodge approved.

He reported the condition of the Jurisdiction to be most encouraging to the welfare, the force and ever-increasing and widening influence of the Craft, and a spirit of fraternal regard and cheerfulness on the part of the Brethren.

Grand Lodge agreed to subscribe for a membership in the Washington Memorial Association and to donate the further sum of \$500 to its funds. In contrast to the estimate of

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Washington noted in one or two other Jurisdictions under our review, we present the following from a report of the representative of the Grand Master in attendance at the convention of the Memorial Association, February 21, 1915:

“ This Memorial to Washington the Mason will be built, of that you may rest assured, in the present condition of affairs in the world it may be delayed to some extent, but it will be built, it must be built. Think of it! ‘ The Father of his Country,’ the first President of this Great Nation, one of the leading and most prominent Masons of his day and age, and not a Masonic Memorial erected to his memory after over one hundred years; not a proud record for Masonry.

“ Colorado Grand Lodge was active and prominent in the starting of the movement to build this Memorial, let us lend every help that we can to carry the work to a glorious completion.”

The record contains an able and inspiring address by the Grand Orator from which we are pleased to excerpt the following:

“ It is needless to tell the members of our Craft that the development of our time-honored Institution has followed along the lines of this unfolding of intellectual, political and social ideals. What a privilege for any man to be admitted to membership in such a noble band of workers! How wholesome is the thought that men of the noblest minds, the highest ideals and conceptions, may be employed in such a noble work as the uplifting of humanity. As the Stoics of old denied themselves the satisfaction of indulging in material things, so now we have presented before us an institution composed of men who, putting aside the ambition to be elevated among their fellowmen, an inordinate desire to obtain political preferment; and the greed for piling up stores of wealth, that they may so live their lives, realize their responsibilities, control

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the imaginings of the mind, and hold themselves steadily in that noble purpose of relieving the distressed, lending sympathy and support and encouragement to those in need, and so fulfill and work out their true destiny as peers among men."

Proceedings concludes with a fine report on correspondence by Brother LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF—his thirty-first. As a veteran of such wide experience and observation it is safe to accept his conclusion that "the Fraternity is everywhere enjoying the high tide of prosperity." In his opinion the National Grand Lodge of France, a recent applicant for recognition, "is reduced to the size of a pigmy," and "appears to be considerable of a hoax."

Pennsylvania (1913) is accorded extended notice. Speaking of the publication of our Digest of Decisions, he says, "the members of the Guild have in years past been edified with some of the decisions that emanate from the Grand Masters of that Jurisdiction." We are a little suspicious of that word "edified." Perhaps Brother GREENLEAF meant well, but it should be understood that the decisions of our Grand Masters are not made for the edification of "members of the Guild," but rather for the safe conduct of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. They are not copyrighted, and if any other Jurisdictions can make good use of any of them they are welcome.

ROBERT M. SIMONS,	Denver,	Grand Master.
CHARLES H. JACOBSON,	Denver,	Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1915.

Lodges, 110. Membership, 25,387. Gain, 598.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, February 3, 1915, at New Haven.

The address of Grand Master EDGAR H. PARKMAN is a

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lengthy and well prepared document largely devoted to the routine duties of his office and conveying to his Brethren valuable information touching the affairs of the Jurisdiction.

He attended the 1914 convention of the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., was duly inspired with the importance and value of the project and earnestly commended it to his Brethren. Whereupon Grand Lodge voted to become a member of the Association and appropriated \$100 for that purpose.

His report on the conditions of the Craft in the Jurisdiction is contained in the following:

“The Masonic Fraternity in our own State of Connecticut, in common with most of its sister Grand Jurisdictions, has enjoyed a year of quiet but steady growth, distinguished by peace and harmony at home, by the most cordial and friendly relations with other jurisdictions, by greater social and philanthropic effort, by increasing usefulness to its members and, I trust, to the community at large.”

Pennsylvania (1913) is reviewed in the correspondence report of Past Grand Master GEORGE A. KIES in a brief but fraternal manner. He was hopeful that our Brother LAMBERTON might be restored to complete health, but no doubt he has now learned the sad news that our Brother has gone from us.

CLARENCE R. AUSTIN,	Danbury,	Grand Master.
GEORGE A. KIES,	Hartford,	Grand Secretary.

CUBA—1911-1912-1914-1915.

Lodges, 95. Membership, 5,183.

THE writer would be pleased to report to the Masons of Pennsylvania something of the Masonic situation in Cuba and the doings of the Grand Lodge, but unfortunately his

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education in Spanish has been sadly neglected; and as Proceedings are printed in that language the pleasure of reviewing them is lost to him.

We gather, however, from "Relaciones Exteriores" prepared by Brother F. DE P. RODRIGUEZ, that the doings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have engaged his attention and he has informed his Cuban Brethren about our Elizabethtown Home, apparently stating that in its development we had thus far expended \$1,109,820.72; and that the Grand Lodge had various funds aggregating \$1,526,095.23.

Further the deponent saith not.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ CURBELO,	Havana,	Grand Master.
CARLOS G. CHARLES,	Havana,	Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE—1915.

Lodges, 22. Members, 3,541. Gain, 118.

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH Annual Communication, October 6, 1915, at Wilmington.

Among the distinguished visitors was Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS whose "pleasing and touching remarks" to the Grand Lodge were especially enjoyed.

The official address of Grand Master WILLIAM E. VALLIANT discussed the benefits from the several conferences of Grand Masters and broadly hinted at a desire for a General Grand Lodge for this country, if not a Supreme Grand Lodge world-wide in its scope. Of course this vague possibility is suggested by the universality of Masonry; theorizing about it is harmless.

He submitted to the Craft the appeal of the War Relief Association and eight Lodges responded to the amount of \$262.

He endorsed the value of the correspondence reports by

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Brother GUTHRIE and urged the Brethren—especially Lodge officers—to read and study them, to the end that they may be “better informed Masons and therefore more help to the Craft.” We second the motion.

The Masonic Home appears to be flourishing; it is maintaining 10 residents, at an average annual cost of \$378.98 per capita; the gain in funds for the year was \$1,871.33.

From the reports of Lodges of Instruction we are constrained to reprint the following sparkling thought and suggestion:

“I would respectfully suggest that the work of an instructor is most important, and the appointment to that office should be a mark of distinction. He should not only be familiar with the ritual, but should be informed as to the origin and meanings of the symbolism employed. Thus an exemplification of the work would not consist in the meaningless repetition of words and symbols, but become a vivid interpretation of their sublime truth. To realize this ideal requires that the broadest and the best informed members of our fraternity should not only be willing to accept, but should aspire to the office of Instructor.”

Past Grand Master GUTHRIE's correspondence report appears to be somewhat abridged this year. The absence of Pennsylvania—among others—may be accounted for by the remoteness of Pennsylvania from Delaware! The report looks good just the same.

WALTER W. BACON,	Wilmington,	Grand Master.
VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON,	Wilmington,	Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1914-1915.

Lodges, 30. Membership, 9,924. Gain, 325.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH Annual Communication, December 16, 1914, at Washington.

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The Grand Master presiding, in his official address incidentally referred to himself as "one T. JOHN NEWTON." This reference appears in his correspondence with our Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS, who "edicted" one who was a citizen, voter and taxpayer in Pennsylvania and who was made a Mason in a Washington Lodge. In protesting against the "arbitrary and unfriendly acts" of our Grand Master in adhering to our attitude in the matter of jurisdiction over applicants for the degrees, he cited his own case as exactly parallel with the one in question and inferentially defied Grand Master WILLIAMS to edict him too. Brother WILLIAMS frankly advised him he would certainly do so should a complaint come to him from a proper official source. Grand Master T. JOHN called this an avoidance of the issue, which, he said, "broadly exhibited the absurdity of Pennsylvania's contention" in the premises. Then his pugnacity went to the unpardonable extent of criticising Brother WILLIAMS' choice of English in his correspondence; but in respect to that his study of lexicography had not progressed sufficiently to find some justification for Brother WILLIAMS. Those fifty-cent pocket dictionaries are not always a safe guide.

It would have been a joke on Brother T. JOHN if Grand Master WILLIAMS had taken him at his word and on the facts admitted "edicted" him too from intercourse with Pennsylvania Masons. The jurisprudence committee took a calmer view of the situation and frankly conceded that our Grand Lodge "is the sole arbiter in the interpretation of the laws in force in its own jurisdiction" and gracefully submitted to the inevitable.

Grand Master NEWTON, with commendable views on the sanctity of the Lodge-rooms and the rights and comfort of Brethren to whom a smoke-laden atmosphere is offensive, took vigorous measures to suppress the practice of smoking in the

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Lodges of the Jurisdiction. It is an evil practice and should be discouraged everywhere. If cigars, why not cigarettes and pipes? Ough! By resolution Grand Lodge, however, by a vote of 138 to 31, modified his order so as to forbid smoking during the conferring of degrees, and at other times to leave it to the discretion of Masters of Lodges.

At the suggestion of Grand Master NEWTON \$500 was appropriated to the Masonic War Relief Association. Grand Lodge warmly congratulated him "on the successful rounding out of a long and useful Masonic career and the harmonious and prosperous condition of the Craft in this Jurisdiction"; and he was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

An able correspondence report by Brother GEORGE W. BAIRD, Past Grand Master, in which Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice, concludes with an argument against prohibition by legislation, because of the increase of the drug habit. He says, "Of the two evils we choose the lesser, when we find we cannot abolish both." This looks like begging the question. We have yet to learn why the use of drugs may not be ultimately controlled as well as the use of liquor. Brother BAIRD appears to view the movement of legislative prohibition as an infringement of personal liberty. Like many another old-time notion of sociology, economics, politics, etc., the "personal liberty" sanctuary is getting badly profaned. We are not very much addicted to what Brother BAIRD calls "the hysterical prohibition fad"; but he is blind who will not see the world movement towards a stricter regulation of the liquor traffic by law. It required the shock of an unprecedented war to put it in the mind of Europe, and it looks as if the end will justify the means. In Masonry, too, the unmistakable evidence shows that the saloon and its habitues are going on the black list very fast.

ALEXANDER GRANT,	Washington,	Grand Master.
ARVINE W. JOHNSTON,	Washington,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 30. Members, 10,171. Gain, 247.

At the Second Stated Communication held May 12, 1915, resolutions were adopted looking to the establishment, at Washington, of a Masonic National University, primarily for the higher education of the children of Masons, and "that will represent the spirit of America and Masonry in its attitude toward the churches, creeds and countries of mankind," "absolutely free from any sectarian control, but in which every church and creed, as well as every philanthropic person and patriotic organization may have a part." A committee was appointed to plan a campaign for raising the necessary funds.

At the Annual Communication of December 15, 1915, Grand Master ALEXANDER GRANT reported a quiet and uneventful year. He recommended an appropriation of an additional \$700 (making a total of \$1,000) to the Washington Memorial Association, which Grand Lodge agreed to.

Grand Lodge also agreed with him in the following:

"I desire to submit for your consideration a slight modification of Section 91 of our Constitution. After the word 'jurisdiction' in the sixth line add the words 'for cause other than physical disability' so that the section will read:

"Sec. 91. No petition for the degrees shall be received from any one who has not been a resident of the District of Columbia for the twelve months next preceding its presentation except as provided by the following section or by dispensation of the Grand Master; and if the petitioner has been rejected for the degrees in another jurisdiction *for cause other than physical disability*, his petition must be accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction unless the period during which jurisdiction is claimed has expired.

"The requisites as to physical qualifications differ greatly in the various jurisdictions. Our rule is not so rigid as some. It is often difficult and sometimes impossible to get a waiver

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of jurisdiction in such cases. We should not, I think, tie our own hands. There is not the same necessity for requiring a waiver jurisdiction in a case of physical disability as there is in a case of moral or temperamental disqualification."

Three questions arise in the foregoing: What is comprehended in the remark, "We should not, I think, tie our own hands"? How do they ascertain for what cause an applicant is rejected, if the ballot is secret and sacred? Just what is meant by "temperamental disqualification"?

\$490.15 was received from the Lodges for the War Relief Association.

Grand Lodge voted to maintain an employment bureau and to assume the expense, not to exceed \$1,000 per annum.

We have heretofore referred to correspondence between our Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS and Grand Master T. JOHN NEWTON, of the District, concerning an edict issued by the former against one Schloss, who was admitted to a District lodge and declared to be subject to the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania; in which correspondence Grand Master NEWTON exhibited more or less peevishness and cited himself as a similar case to that of Schloss, and said that Grand Master WILLIAMS might with equal justice and propriety edict him, too. In his correspondence report, Past Grand Master BAIRD reopens the controversy, and while saying, "This subject has been threshed out so many times that no good purpose can be served in pursuing it," yet he takes a page—closely printed—to pursue it. We, too, believe that no good purpose can be served in pursuing the merits of the case; but we are constrained to notice Brother BAIRD's method of treating it. He admits that "the Grand Master in Pennsylvania was acting according to the constitution of his Grand Lodge in anathematizing Brother SCHLOSS," but he criticises Grand Master WILLIAMS for not "edicting" Brother NEWTON also, and says he was inconsistent.

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Grand Master WILLIAMS clearly indicated that the case of T. JOHN NEWTON was “not before the court,” and that he was not called upon officially to adjudicate it—perhaps it was just as well that Brother NEWTON was out of court. The writer holds no brief for Past Grand Master WILLIAMS, nor is he commissioned to represent or speak for any Grand Master of Pennsylvania, past or present; but we suggest to Brother BAIRD that he is doing no kindness to Brother NEWTON by emphasizing his questionable status as a Mason in relation to Pennsylvania Lodges. This is not a threat, but just the logic of possible events.

Just one other comment of Brother BAIRD on the subject demands notice. He says:

“There is probably some reason for the action of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge in this matter. It would be a satisfaction to hear that reason. Why conceal it?”

We pass over the gratuitous innuendo that Grand Master WILLIAMS may have been actuated by some ulterior motive, such, for instance, as the desire to deprive the District Lodges of the fees for initiation, which Brother BAIRD subsequently intimated; it is hardly to be dignified with a serious answer. We call attention to the fact that he, himself, found “some reason for the action” of Grand Master WILLIAMS, namely, he “was acting according to the constitution of his Grand Lodge”; therefore there is no mystery about it. Brother BAIRD further says: “We have a constitution of our own; we are not willing to twist nor change it to conform to that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, much as we may admire the Masons there.” We have yet to learn that anyone has asked them to “twist or change” their constitution—certainly Grand Master WILLIAMS did not make any such request; but we recommend to Brother BAIRD that he get acquainted with the Golden Rule.

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In all other respects Brother BAIRD kindly reviews the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1914, as a part of his very excellent correspondence report.

WILLIAM W. JERMANE,	Washington,	Grand Master.
ARVINE W. JOHNSTON,	Washington,	Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND—1915.

At the Quarterly Communication of December 2, 1914, nearly the whole session was taken up with a general discussion concerning an amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to exempt from dues members of Lodges in the military service of the country. About \$4,500 was voted to several war relief funds. This money was contributed by English Freemasons in the Overseas Dominions. A motion was submitted to create a fund for the establishment of a permanent hospital to be called the "Masonic Nursing Home," to cost \$150,000. An initial appropriation of one thousand guineas was asked for, but Grand Lodge did not favor the project and it was not granted.

At the March, 1915, Quarterly, it was reported that 1,892 pounds was received from English Freemasons abroad for war relief funds. At this time due acknowledgment was recorded of the tenders made by "various Grand Lodges in the United States, with truly Masonic spirit," of assistance to the English Brethren suffering from the results of the war.

At the June, 1915, Quarterly, the further sum of \$1,000 was acknowledged from English Freemasons oversea, and distribution made to the various relief funds.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was accorded recognition and it was reported that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had been consulted and it, too, was willing to do the same.

Having in view the limitations of human nature, it seems but natural that consideration of war conditions, national

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feeling—approaching hatred—should find their way into Masonry. It was represented that the peace and harmony of the Craft was in danger from association of Masons whose loyalty to the Empire might be suspected by reason of foreign birth. After a long and spirited discussion, Grand Lodge adopted the following:

“ ‘ That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed it is necessary that all Brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth, should not during the continuance of the War attend any meeting of Grand Lodge, or of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or of a Private Lodge, or any other Masonic Meeting, and that such Brethren be and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of every Lodge.

“ ‘ Provided that this Regulation shall not apply to a Brother who, or any of whose sons, is in the service of the Crown or its Allies during the present war, or is a person whose employment in connection with Naval or Military operations may be properly treated for the purpose of this regulation in the same manner as actual Naval or Military service.’ The question is ‘ That those words be added.’ ”

At this Communication Grand Lodge officers were elected, and on April 28th the “Annual Grand Festival” was held, when they were invested and formally proclaimed.

At the September, 1915, Quarterly, additional contributions to war relief funds were acknowledged from English Masons oversea, amounting to \$2,370. At the December, 1915, Quarterly \$2,250 was so acknowledged and distributed.

It was reported that the Lodges had contributed over \$10,000 for “ the assistance of cases of distress among English Freemasons confined in internment camps in enemy countries,” and thereupon Grand Lodge voted an additional 100

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guineas to the fund, which, as it appears, was to be administered through the American Ambassador in Berlin.

The action of Grand Lodge adopted at the June meeting, excluding from the Lodges during the war certain Masons of foreign birth, did not satisfy a certain more radical element represented in Grand Lodge, as going far enough. Worshipful Brother Col. CHARLES E. CASSAL, in a speech characterized by great depth of feeling—even of bitterness towards the enemies of Great Britain—proposed “to destroy at once and for ever all German influence in British Freemasonry.” He submitted a proposed regulation, which we append below, to accomplish that purpose. The Board of General Purposes—the advisory, or governing board of Grand Lodge—sought to suppress it, pleading that consideration of the subject should be deferred until the close of the war. It was put to a standing vote and declared carried. This is the proposal:

“That it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and to report upon the following proposals:—

“That each Private Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England be required to examine the cases of all members who are of German birth, to call upon all such members whose retention of membership is not approved by the unanimous vote of all the other members of the Lodge to resign, and failing resignation, to forthwith exclude such members from membership:

“or, in the alternative,—

“That on the termination of the War each Private Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England be required to examine the cases of all members who are of German birth, to refuse permission to such members to resume attendance at Lodge, unless the resumption of such attendance is approved by the unanimous vote of all the other members of the Lodge, to call upon all members of German birth the resumption of whose attendance is not so approved, to resign,

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and failing resignation, to forthwith exclude such members from membership.

“ The immediate withdrawal of this Grand Lodge’s recognition of the German Grand Lodges.

“ The prohibition of the reception in English Lodges of alleged Masons belonging to a Lodge under any German jurisdiction, and the prohibition of the entry of English Masons into any Lodge existing under any German jurisdiction.”

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT,		Grand Master.
SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH,	London,	Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 225. Members, 12,051. Gain, 607.

EIGHTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, January 19, 1915, at Jacksonville.

The official address of Grand Master CEPHAS L. WILSON reported “ a most excellent and flourishing condition (of the Craft) in this State.”

The Grand Master had before him the case of a petitioner rejected in a Pennsylvania Lodge in 1906. He applied for the degrees in a Florida Lodge in 1914. Five years having elapsed since his rejection in Pennsylvania he was adjudged to be eligible, notwithstanding the Grand Master of Pennsylvania notified the Grand Master of Florida that we claimed perpetual jurisdiction. Edict!

Grand Master ruled that in respect to music in conferring the degrees a Victrola was permissible. But here’s one in which he shone to advantage—Solomon could not beat it:

“ December 24th, a Mason who declared that he did not believe in God and the Holy Bible asked for a dimit. The District Deputy Grand Master of the District, in which this

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Mason's Lodge was located, referred the matter to me and asked what action the Lodge should take. I ruled that the Lodge should not grant the dimit, but should prefer charges immediately, giving the brother a trial, and if found guilty, expel him, and if found not guilty to grant the dimit."

Another bit of wisdom: a Mason, running for a political office, distributed cards with his photograph thereon placed inside of a square and compasses. The Grand Master directed the attention of the man's Lodge to the matter, with the result that he was tried for un-Masonic conduct and suspended for six months.

Brother WILSON modestly referred to his deficient training for the grave responsibilities of his office; but his Grand Lodge lauded him for his zeal and fidelity to the interests of the Craft and he was re-elected for another year.

Application of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama was refused. In the matter of recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies, the committee was not satisfied with the situation and it was deferred.

The report on Correspondence of Brother SILAS B. WRIGHT is an especially able document, the topics discussed in the "Conclusion" being conspicuous for a wide horizon of study and knowledge of Masonry and its current movements. We would like to reprint some of them, but must forbear. His extended and fraternal review of Pennsylvania (1913) contains a pleasant reference to his meeting in Florida District Deputy THOMAS F. WELLS, a warm personal friend and a member of this writer's Lodge. Brother WELLS has "wining ways"—quite irresistible to all who come in contact with him.

CEPHAS L. WILSON,	Marianna,	Grand Master.
WILBUR P. WEBSTER,	Jacksonville,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 233. Membership, 12,724. Gain, 663.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, January 18, 1916, at Jacksonville.

Grand Master CEPHAS L. WILSON was a very busy man with the demands upon his official attention. He reported pages of dispensations, decisions, etc., all of which were determined to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge and met its approval. Among the unusual incidents requiring his decision was the case of a member of a Lodge who claimed to have received the gift of the Holy Ghost and desired a demit because "he could not endorse Masonry on account of imperfections of other members." The Grand Master ruled that if his objection related only to his Brethren in the Lodge and to their deportment, he was entitled to the demit; but if "he thought Masonry was not right," he should be charged with un-Masonic conduct and expelled. We wonder if King Solomon, in his wisdom, would have sustained that judgment. It would seem more appropriate and charitable—if some precedent could be found for it—to appoint a commission *de lunatico inquirendo* to let the Brother's friends down easy.

He submitted the request of a secretary of a Lodge "asking for Charter to form a Masonic Club." He thought there was nothing objectionable about such clubs; but Grand Lodge took a different view and vetoed the whole proposition as "contrary to Masonic Law and usage and subversive to the sovereign authority of this Grand Lodge"; and members of such clubs were warned to withdraw from them.

He instituted a search for one "Rev. S. G. Hutton, said to hail from Georgia, who had been selling a book in Florida entitled 'Look to the East,' which purported to contain 'all of the Florida work in full, except the signs and pass-words.'" The Grand Master of Georgia, at last accounts, failed to locate him and apparently he is still at large.

A resolution was presented to Grand Lodge that "the stars

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and stripes be displayed in the East ” in each and every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, and that “ our flag shall lead and have a prominent place in our public processions.” Advised by the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Lodge voted to make the practice “ permissive and not compulsory ”; and also recommended that each Lodge provide itself with a Masonic banner, of blue and suitably inscribed.

Finances of Grand Lodge are in satisfactory shape. Trustees of Masonic Home had a balance of \$30,192.74 and Grand Treasurer an available balance of \$24,234.34.

We find another excellent Correspondence Report from Brother WRIGHT. We take occasion, however, to point to several inaccuracies in his notice of Pennsylvania (1914). We do not maintain “ three or more Masonic Homes,” as he states. For his information we will state that we maintain but one Home, that at Elizabethtown. There is a Masonic Home at Philadelphia—an incorporated institution—but it is not under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, nor managed by it in any way. Our Grand Lodge did donate sums of money to assist its maintenance for some years, but has now ceased to do so. An effort was made to merge the Philadelphia Home into the Grand Lodge Home at Elizabethtown, but the Brethren in the management of the former have so far refused to agree to it.

Brother WRIGHT also refers to “ one of their Homes known as the Patton Masonic Institute for boys, etc.” We are pleased to advise him that the late Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Treasurer for many years, devised to Grand Lodge about one million dollars for the establishment and maintenance of an institution for the support and education of male orphan children of Master Masons. This bequest, with accretions, becomes available in 1919, and will probably be devoted to the building of an educational institution, for the purpose intended, at Elizabethtown.

Further, Brother WRIGHT is in error when he states that

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we “do not pay per diem and mileage” to Lodge representatives attending Grand Lodge meetings. We do pay mileage—five cents per mile one way (now proposed to be increased to eight cents)—for the Quarterly Communications in December.

Finally, referring to the Correspondence Report of our late Brother LAMBERTON, he said that Grand Lodge had “forbidden him to criticise or comment” on the affairs of other Grand Lodges. If our Grand Lodge ever took such action (we cannot say what it may do in the future) it has thus far eluded the notice of the present writer.

JAMES E. CRANE,	Tampa,	Grand Master.
WILBUR P. WEBSTER,	Jacksonville,	Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA—1915.

Lodges, 661. Membership, 41,649. Gain, 1,191.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH Annual Communication, October 26, 1915, at Macon.

Referring to the conditions of the Craft in the Jurisdiction, Grand Master N. H. BALLARD, in his official address, said: “Never before have the Lodges been so prosperous, so harmonious and Masonry so respected.” It augurs well for Masonry in Georgia. Grand Lodge approved the official acts of Grand Master BALLARD and accorded him high praise for his faithful and efficient service. We infer from the following excerpt that the liquor business is in bad repute among Georgia Masons:

“A member of a Masonic Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction moves to Georgia and operates a near beer saloon. Charges are preferred by the local Lodge. The accused pleads guilty and states that he was unaware of the fact that

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he was committing a wrong against Masonry as it was not in violation of the Masonic law in his Grand Jurisdiction. But whether right or wrong he valued his Masonic membership more than any gain he might derive from the sale of near beer and from that moment would quit the business regardless of what might be his loss. Held that the necessity of voting on guilt or punishment at the same communication did not exist in this case and, since the punishment administered would depend on a future contingency, the Lodge was authorized to enter a plea of guilty and defer the vote on punishment to a subsequent communication."

We very much like the brand of morality contained in this:

"A Master Mason making improper proposals to the wife of a Fellow Craft Mason, or the wife of any man, is as guilty of wrong as if she was the wife of a Master Mason. Masonry throws around woman's honor a shield of protection, and woe be unto him who heeds not its warning."

We could never understand why a distinction should be implied between violating the virtue of a Mason's wife and any other.

The Grand Master directed the attention of Grand Lodge to the inadequacy of the Masonic Home, its inaccessibility, the scarcity of land for farming operations and other deficiencies; whereupon it was resolved to appoint a commission to investigate the advisability of disposing of the present property by sale and acquiring another location more suitable and susceptible to development to meet the growing demands for such an institution. This matter seems to have been acute because of the undertaking to build a beautiful Masonic Temple at Macon and it was feared that financial considerations might tend to the neglect of duty towards their worthy, distressed Brethren and families for whom they were pledged to provide adequate Masonic charity. From the sentiment

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evinced it looks as if the Masonic Home will win out. Apropos to this subject and to show that Brother BALLARD had a vision of Masonry above and beyond the monuments of brick and mortar, we quote the conclusion of his address:

“ We are the descendants of those ancient builders whose cunning hand and fertile brain have filled the earth with most wonderful works of art. Marble blocks touched by their chisel speak of faith and hope, and granite wrought in beautiful forms proclaim their profoundest religious conceptions.

“ The hands which wrought, and the fertile brains that planned these wondrous works of art have long since perished from earth. A new form of expression has supplanted the costly type used by our ancient brethren. Ours is a nobler art, for we build in the hearts of men a living temple, a temple of truth and honor, a temple as enduring as Eternity and as everlasting as is truth itself. Beautiful Milan shall perish; magnificent Cologne shall crumble and not one stone be left upon another; the wintry blast shall sing a sad requiem over the spot where now stands glorious York, yet, the living temple which Masonry is erecting in the hearts of men shall outlast all of these. For an angel's wing shall not reach its journey's end, nor an angel's eye penetrate its extended destiny. My brethren, we, as Masons, have a glorious past, a past filled with wonderful achievements. Let this be to us an everabiding inspiration to achieve nobler things in the future.”

Grand Lodge determined to “ try conclusions ” with the State Fair. Both meet at Macon at the same time, resulting in a lack of hotel accommodations. The Grand Master was directed to persuade the officials of the State Fair to select another date, or to call the Grand Lodge at some other place. We have an idea that Grand Lodge will continue to meet at Macon!

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Brother CHALES L. BASS furnished a good Correspondence Report—the one important deficiency being that Pennsylvania was neglected.

N. H. BALLARD,	Brunswick,	Grand Master.
W. A. WOLIHIN,	Macon,	Grand Secretary.

IDAHO—1915-1916.

Lodges, 62. Membership, 4,640. Gain, 227.

FORTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, September 14, 1915, at Boise.

The official address of Grand Master ANDREW CHRISTENSON related only to routine matters, of interest only to the Brethren of the Jurisdiction. One decision precluded an applicant for the degrees who was head-waiter in the dining room of a hotel where wines, etc., were served to guests. Masonry and the liquor business are not even forty-second cousins in Idaho.

During the year allowances were made to indigent Masons, widows and orphans, amounting to \$2,581. The names of recipients are published—too bad that this seems necessary; in Masonry secrecy ought, in some manner, to cover charity, too.

The Grand Secretary had his troubles with the Lodges delinquent in making returns. His advice to the Lodges was, “elect the best man you can find to be Secretary and then keep him there”—a consummation to be devoutly wished in every Jurisdiction.

Correspondence Report by Grand Secretary GEORGE E. KNEPPER is a good digest of events transpiring in the Masonic world, but somehow Pennsylvania failed to be noticed.

FRANCIS JENKINS,	Moscow,	Grand Master.
GEORGE E. KNEPPER,	Boise,	Grand Secretary.

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FORTY-NINTH. Annual Communication, September 12, 1916, at Twin Falls.

After a glowing tribute to the scenic beauties of Twin Falls and the natural wonders of Snake River, Grand Master FRANCIS JENKINS descended, in his official address, to the commonplaces of dispensations, decisions, etc. One of the latter related to an applicant for the degrees who was approved, but failed to appear and afterwards requested the return of the initiation fee. Grand Master decided that, the Lodge having no By-Laws to the contrary, the fee should be returned, on the principle that the applicant had the privilege to change his mind and should be expected to cross the Masonic threshold of his own free will and accord; and that refusal to refund the fee "would be smattering of coercion." That seems like good judgment, though it is not the law and practice in some Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master manifested some impatience about our rule of perpetual jurisdiction. A petitioner, rejected at Monesson, Pa., applied to a Lodge in Idaho and made known his previous rejection. Request was made to the Monesson Lodge to remove the objection; but it did not move fast enough to suit Brother JENKINS and he wrote Grand Master WATRES, in effect that "Pennsylvania's silence on the matter and failure to remove the rejection would prompt Idaho to ignore Pennsylvania's alleged rights in the premises." The delay in Monesson's disposal of the case was caused by the fact that the request came just before the summer period, when our Lodges generally suspend meetings, and it had to lie over until September, 1916. Brother JENKINS added a supplement to his address, reporting the matter happily adjusted, the rejection removed, and "harmony and good fellowship prevail in both jurisdictions." What a narrow escape!

He seems to have had some trouble with the Grand Master of Washington, too, and these incidents impelled him to come

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out strong for a "Supreme Grand Lodge or Court of Appeals," when he said:

"Such vexing problems as failed of settlement between the Grand Master in Washington, the Grand Master in Pennsylvania and myself, would then have a Grand Forum to appeal to. Under the present system and as the aforementioned controversy now stands, it looks as if we were at a perpetual distance. Why be afraid of the bugaboo, 'Innovation'? Did not Prince Edwin who convened the Freemasons at York in 926 innovate by revising the old Constitutions and compiling them and the landmarks into a written manuscript? Did not the four lodges in London in 1717 innovate when they organized the first Grand Lodge? Surely no one will in our day attempt to deny but what these two acts of progression redounded to advantage and credit of Freemasonry, yet many of our ancient brethren denounced these acts as innovations. If Freemasonry is not a progressive science, then will some one tell us what it is."

We don't know about that "Prince Edwin" episode at York in 926. It seems to date back too far to be a forceful hint to our widely scattered Masonic interests of this day and generation. Better give us something even fresher than 1717!

There are a lot of good things in the Grand Master's address which exhibit superior ability and a commanding view of Masonry, especially from a practical standpoint; but we must pass on.

The Lodges contributed \$203.00 to the War Relief Association.

Grand Lodge has cash in various funds and in loans a total of \$90,456.74.

Correspondence Report is again by Grand Secretary KNEPPER. This time Pennsylvania (1915) is included and gets a good report. Grand Master WILLIAMS' annual address

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is approvingly quoted, as also the installation address of Grand Master WATRES, which is characterized as "quite out of the ordinary." Two things struck him as peculiar: one was that Grand Master WILLIAMS declined a re-election, which, he thought was "quite an unusual thing to do." He should be advised that, while the Grand Master's term is one year, we re-elect him for a second year, and when that expires it is "good form" to thus announce his retirement.

The second strange thing that appeared to him was that, "at this late day" we are trying to improve the ventilation of the Masonic Temple. There are others, nearer to Pennsylvania, who have wondered about it, and at last accounts they are still wondering. But it is better late than never.

JOHN D. BLOOMFIELD,	Nampa,	Grand Master.
GEORGE E. KNEPPER,	Boise,	Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS—1915.

Lodges, 837. Membership, 139,271. Gain, 7,366.

SEVENTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, October 12, 1915, at Chicago.

The second annual address of Grand Master HENRY T. BURNAP declared that unusual good feeling and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction. That the Grand Master looms up big in Illinois, outside of the Fraternity, is evidenced by some of the requests made of him. Witness the following:

"One gentleman, who makes no claim to being a member of the Fraternity, requested the Grand Master to relieve him of the annoying and undesirable attentions of a lady whom he alleged is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

"Another man, also not a mason, asked that the Grand Master take steps to compel a member of the Fraternity

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to liquidate an unpaid account which he said was justly due him.

“The wife of a master mason demanded the summary expulsion of her husband, not only from the Lodge to which he belonged, but also from the so-called co-ordinate bodies, on the ground of non-support.

“A gentleman, who had been twice rejected by an Illinois Lodge, made a personal appeal to the Grand Master to make him a mason ‘at sight,’ stating that he was prepared to pay for this service the ‘usual fee,’ whatever it might be.

“The foregoing are only samples of many equally ridiculous demands.”

Such belief in the powers of a Grand Master reminds us of the story told about a very strenuous citizen when he was President of the United States and his enemies were charging him with “trying to run everybody’s business.” The story is to the effect that when the Pope died an Irishman, upon first learning of it, hoped that the President wouldn’t appoint a Protestant in his place!

Grand Master reported the completion and dedication, on July 5, 1915, of Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Home, at Sullivan, with appropriate ceremonies. It was declared to be one of the best equipped and best constructed in the world. It is the gift of the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois. He also made favorable mention of the Masonic Hospital Association of Chicago, which provides, free of charge, hospital service to Master Masons and those dependent upon them; and also commended the Masonic Employment Bureaus, which are rendering valuable service to unemployed Masons. These are operated without expense to the Grand Lodge.

Financial reports of Grand Lodge showed total revenues for the year, \$109,149.70 in the General Fund, and expenditures, \$108,587.41; Charity Fund receipts, \$72,844.13, dis-

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bursments, \$64,723.65; total assets of Grand Lodge, \$286,720.02. Action was taken to raise the per capita tax from ninety cents to one dollar, fifty cents of which goes into the General Fund and forty-five to the Charity Fund. Grand Lodge is expending large amounts in charity, which is of wide scope and very systematically administered. The injunction, "open wide thy hand unto thy brother" appears to meet a generous response from the Craft in this Jurisdiction and puts the mark of true Masonry upon it.

The Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange cares for about 80 children, who were attending the public schools at that place. The school board made a demand upon the officers of the Home for the sum of \$2,000 for the tuition of the children and notified them that in default of payment the children would be excluded from the schools. The matter was taken into the county court, where a decision was rendered against the Home, on the grounds that the children were not legal residents of the school district, and under the school laws of Illinois the school district had the right to demand that fees for tuition be paid for them. An appeal was taken to the higher courts, and pending its final determination provision was made for the children to continue their attendance. We shall be surprised if the judgment of the lower court in this case is not reversed. It is true that these children are gathered from all parts of the State and taken from school districts of their former homes; but it seems also true that they become merged into the population of the community where the Masonic Home is located and establish a new residence; it is the only home they have and it will continue to be such until they become self-supporting. The State owes them the advantages of the public school system, and where else are they to get it? Assuming that Illinois has a compulsory school law, if a truant officer were compelling the attendance of these children, where would he take them?

Correspondence Report by Brother OWEN SCOTT is volu-

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minous and of premier class. He views the Masonic world from a lofty summit of knowledge and experience. His observation leads him to state:

“ There is shown in many grand lodges a strong tendency to magnify masonry’s meaning to men. The educational side of the ancient craft has been most conspicuous. Study clubs, lecture courses and other means of appealing to the intellectual phases of free-masonry have been provided. In doing this, the ritual has not been obscured. In fact its symbolism has furnished a foundation on which has been built the wonderful superstructure of the masonic institution. Research societies have become quite the vogue.

“ All this shows that the brethren are only awaiting the opportunity to take the ritualistic skeleton and clothe it with the flesh and blood of reality. Into this is breathed the breath of charity and benevolence.”

We make use of his investigation for the following:

“ MASONIC MEMBERSHIP.

“ Again will be found the details of lodges and membership at the head of the review of each grand lodge. It is important to know the total number of members throughout the world. Details on which these figures are based are from official sources except in rare instances. A few grand lodges do not publish their membership statistics. These are estimated and approximately correct.

“ Total masons for 1914	2,167,089
Total masons for 1915	2,221,999
Net increase for year	54,910 ”

His review of Pennsylvania (1914) is very complimentary.

RALPH H. WHEELER,	Chicago,	Grand Master.
ISAAC CUTTER,	Camp Point,	Grand Secretary.

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INDIANA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 557. Membership, 70,014. Gain, 3,822.

NINETY-FOURTH Annual Communication, May 25, 1915, at Indianapolis.

In his official address Grand Master MARTIN A. MORRISON called attention to the case of an Indiana Mason who was taken ill and died in Florida. A Florida Lodge cared for and buried him and extended relief to his destitute family. They requested the Indiana Lodge of which the deceased was a member to reimburse them to the amount of \$110. The latter Lodge sent them \$20 and declined to pay any more, for the reason that that was all that was authorized and "on account of being so heavily in debt on the Masonic Temple and having had so many calls for charity." The Grand Master considered the name and quality of Indiana Masonry involved, and referred the facts to the Grand Lodge; whereupon it was resolved that the action of the Indiana Lodge "to be contrary to the principles and practices of the Masonic Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction"; that the building of a temple should not be allowed to take precedence over their moral duty to care for a needy Brother; and that with a membership of 325 they should proceed to liquidate this moral indebtedness by assessment, if necessary, or by voluntary contribution of the members. We call that a pretty good kind of Masonry.

Indiana is to have a Masonic Home, with an initial capacity of 50 adults and 60 children; 223.66 acres of suitable land at Franklin have been secured, at a cost of \$45,028.45; and contracts have been let for the necessary buildings and equipment, at an estimated cost of \$166,000, and other improvements at \$12,500. Available funds amounted to \$156,000. It is proposed to provide for the maintenance of the Home by a fifty cent per capita tax per annum. The members of Grand Lodge appeared to be very enthusiastic

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over the project and happy to be in line with the many other Jurisdictions which have entered upon this great charity. They have good reason to feel that "future ages will rise up and call them blessed."

Recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, and the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and her Colonies, was deferred for further investigation. Notice of the formation of a new Grand Lodge in Mexico called the "Mexican Symbolic Rite Lodge Evolution No. 1," was ordered placed on file.

Grand Lodge endorsed the Washington Memorial Association and its aims and purposes, and recommended that the Grand Master urge Masons in Indiana, who are able, to become members of the Association at the fee of \$100 each.

The Grand Master caused \$300 to be contributed to the relief of the distressed people of Belgium, to be dispensed through the Red Cross Society of Indiana. The appeal of the War Relief Association was not favored. Grand Lodge disapproved "the practice of distributing begging circulars to the Subordinate Lodges"; but it commended the War Association to all charitably inclined Brethren, etc.

Grand Lodge adopted the following:

"First. That the study side of Masonry should be inaugurated by this Grand Jurisdiction at once.

"Second. That it should gradually unfold Masonic history from the viewpoint of the American Rite to which seventy per cent. of the Masons of the world yield allegiance; that it should embrace and interpret Masonic truths in their fullest analysis with a view to personal application thereof; that it should endeavor to develop practically the fullest purpose of Masonry, which is to raise the personal efficiency of the individual, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, in his relation to God, his country, his neighbor and himself,

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helping him to stop waste of time, energy, money and opportunity in these four relations of life.

“That a standing Masonic Educational Committee consisting of three members should be appointed by the Grand Master to supervise and direct the movement.”

Masters of Lodges are requested to notify the Educational Committee as to what will best promote their Lodges' interest in this line of work.

This is a movement that might well engage the serious consideration of all Grand Lodges. We have too many Masons who know too little about Masonry and its expected influence upon their life and characters. Some plan of study, lectures, etc., ought to be feasible, which would not only increase the mental and moral culture of Lodge members, but furnish them with entertainment which would result in more largely attended meetings. Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS referred to this subject in his installation address of 1913 in the way of advice to Masters of Lodges. We believe that Grand Lodge may profitably take up the matter with a view of formulating some sort of regulations for the Lodges.

Brother ELMER F. GAY presented an able and interesting Correspondence Report in which Pennsylvania is fraternally and at length reviewed.

CHARLES P. BENEDICT,	Indianapolis,	Grand Master.
CALVIN W. PRATHER,	Indianapolis,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 560. Membership, 73,720. Gain, 3,706.

NINETY-FIFTH Annual Communication, May 23, 1916, at Indianapolis.

On the very first page of Proceedings is a picture of “THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY” and beneath it: “Should be displayed in every Lodge Room.” Grand Lodge by resolution ordered “that all Lodges in the state of Indiana provide them-

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selves with an American flag of suitable size for their Lodge rooms, and that the leading thought in our Lodges the coming year should be patriotism."

Although Grand Master CHARLES P. BENEDICT, in his official "allocation" reported that "peace and harmony prevail in every Lodge almost without exception," he had to resort to drastic measures to get rid of an obstreperous Brother who assaulted the Master of his Lodge in the Lodge hall. Twice the Grand Master presided in the trial of the unruly Brother and twice the Lodge refused to convict him, notwithstanding he offered no defense. The Grand Master did the logical thing: revoked the charter of the Lodge and confiscated its property.

His warning against the "club features" in Lodges led to a declaration by Grand Lodge that "any restricted organization inside a Lodge membership or exclusive social life is inimical to our philosophy of Masonic equality of opportunity"; and that wagers, however infinitesimal, on amusements or games be prohibited in Lodge quarters.

Much enthusiasm was evinced over the Masonic Home project. October 21, 1915, the corner-stone was laid and it was expected to be ready for the reception of "members" September 1, 1916. The initial construction comprehends a main building, two cottages, hospital, laundry and power house, for which contracts were let totalling \$191,629, exclusive of furnishings, to which was added about \$10,000 for estimated extras.

In response to frequent requests for information relative to Landmarks in Masonry, Grand Secretary PRATHER submitted an illuminating article on the subject which will be of great value to the Brethren of Indiana in their plans to promote Masonic education. We commend it to our readers who may have access to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

We regret that we cannot devote more time and space to other interesting Indiana matters. The Correspondence Re-

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port of Brother GAY is not the least of them. He gives a good account of Pennsylvania (1914), quoting from the address of Grand Master WILLIAMS and directing attention to our large charity funds and their administration.

HARRY B. TUTHILL,	Michigan City,	Grand Master.
CALVIN W. PRATHER,	Indianapolis,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 527. Membership, 51,785. Gain, 2,235.

SEVENTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 8, 1915, at Cedar Rapids.

Grand Master CHARLES W. WALTON in his official address referred to the rapid growth of the Craft in Iowa and stated that one out of every eight men who voted at the preceding election was a Mason. No doubt he was justified in his belief that this means much for the State if the individual Mason in his own community gives a good account of himself as an upright man, and the Lodge gives out true Masonic light.

It was the privilege of Grand Master WALTON to make the initial report concerning the progress of the Masonic Research movement. The objects and aims are stated in the report as follows:

“ ‘ To promote, foster, and encourage research and study in the field of Masonic tradition, literature, law, and philosophy by the lodges and their members, in order to bring about among the craft a better understanding and appreciation of Masonic symbolism. To encourage and incite the lodges, by the formation of study clubs, by the promotion of lectures and addresses given in the lodges and the schools of instruction by Masonic investigators and speakers of note, and by the reading and study of Masonic literature to greater enthusiasm along the lines of Masonic research and study. Such com-

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mittee to co-operate with the Board of Custodians and the Grand Lodge Librarian.' ”

The following is an outline of plan to organize the work:

“ 1. The organization of Masonic study clubs in the constituent lodges.

“ 2. Outlining courses of study for individual students and for study clubs.

“ 3. The formation of classes in Masonic law.

“ 4. To provide lecturers to address the general Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction, and to encourage the local lodges to provide for occasional lectures for their own members and visitors.

“ 5. The promotion of the use of traveling libraries.

“ 6. The stimulation of original research among Iowa Masons.

“ 7. The organization of a National Masonic Research Society as provided in the resolution of this Grand Lodge.”

The committee's discussion of the various features of the program above mentioned is of commanding interest and awakened a great deal of enthusiasm among the Masons of the Jurisdiction. The movement is sure to engage the attention of the Craft everywhere; and in time Grand Lodges will proceed along the same or similar lines to the great benefit of Masonry generally and to placing the institution upon a higher plane of social influence and usefulness.

The Grand Master submitted to the Lodges the appeal of the Masonic War Relief Association, with the result that \$1,727.95 was contributed. It was fine showing.

His sentiment that smoking in the Lodge should be stopped “ if only on the grounds of decency and good breeding ” met with a favorable response in Grand Lodge.

Financial statements show receipts for the year, \$48,678.50, and disbursements, \$44,687.33.

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A most comprehensive report on Correspondence (314 pages) by Past Grand Master LOUIS BLOCK, contains a generous review of Pennsylvania's Proceedings for 1914. Like the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, with whom he sympathizes, our attitude on "perpetual objection" (perpetual jurisdiction over rejected applicants) to which, he says, we "stand like an adamant rock," finds no justification with him. He quotes in full from the address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS our position on the subject and the principle involved, but is not convinced.

FRANK MOSES,	Clinton,	Grand Master.
NEWTON R. PARVIN,	Cedar Rapids,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 527. Membership, 53,969. Gain, 2,184.

SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Communication, June 13, 1916,
at Davenport.

Grand Master FRANK SEWARD MOSES is of the tenth generation of descent from John Moses, of Plymouth Colony (1632-1660), a ship builder whose primitive anvil was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. His strain of conservative New England blood did not deter him from advocating, in his official address, a departure from the Ancient Landmark on physical qualifications. He urged upon Grand Lodge "that the substitution of artificial limbs or parts that will enable an applicant to conform to the requirements of Masonry shall be permitted." On the other hand, perhaps his Massachusetts blood had something to do with influencing his judgment, for he cites the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as very liberal on the subject, "leaving the discretion as to the extent of alleged physical disability entirely to the local Lodges." His view had sufficient weight to prompt an amendment to their Code along the lines of his thought, and Grand Lodge is to take up the subject

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seriously at the next Annual Communication. All eyes on Iowa!

A committee, reporting on the subject, emphatically endorsed the Grand Master's views and insisted that this question should be submitted to the Craft. Pivoting on the much quoted expression "that the internal, and not the external qualifications are what Masonry regards," it said: "The local Lodge *knows* the candidate's real qualifications, and *knows* whether the balance in the scale should favor the wooden head, the wooden heart, or the wooden leg." It looks as if Iowa may be captured by the Progressives. And the Grand Lodge meets next year at Waterloo.

He decided that the endorsers of an applicant for the degrees need not be members of the Lodge to which the petition is presented. Grand Lodge—advised by the Jurisprudence Committee—very reluctantly approved the decision, presumably because the law permits it; but it condemned the practice, saying: "if followed, we are of the opinion that it will lead to much abuse and serious injury to Masonry." Can there be any doubt of it? What an anomalous situation—"such is the law, but don't follow it"! It does not appear that anybody suggested that it be repealed.

He announced the gift to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, by the will of Brother MAX D. PETERSON, of Davenport, of a one-fifth share in the perpetual income of \$200,000. The State Treasurer attempted to impose an inheritance tax on the bequest, but the courts decided against him.

Among the appropriations of Grand Lodge was a donation of \$1,000 to the Washington Memorial Association.

The "foreword" of Brother BLOCK's excellent Correspondence Report is a severe arraignment of the Grand Lodge of England for excluding from Masonic meetings foreign-born Masons of all nations then at war with England, the record of which we have heretofore noticed. He says:

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“ And this—this happened in the Grand Lodge of England—the Mother Grand Lodge of the world—from whom has come down to us all the sweet, tender, and sacred traditions of our beloved order! It almost sweeps the foundations from beneath our feet! We feel, as does the son, who learns that his sweet and sainted mother, unable to withstand temptation has yielded to the tempter’s snare and has fallen. Canon Foakes-Jackson is right! The Grand Lodge of England is on trial before the Masonic world for violation of the great Masonic principle of human brotherhood. She cannot palliate or excuse her sin on the ground that the German Masons may have set her an evil example. The Masonic world has a right to look for better things from its Masonic mother. Nor can she be allowed to excuse her conduct on the ground that the passage of the resolution was necessary to the preservation of Masonic harmony in England. Such a ‘harmony’ is like a disgraceful, dishonorable, and cowardly peace; it is not worth the terrible sacrifice of principle which it costs.

“ Nor will it bring to pass the harmony it was designed to secure. Already the lodges are beginning to violate the order and Masonic dissension is rife in the land.

“ You can’t stamp brotherly love out of the true Mason’s heart—no, not even with a Grand Lodge resolution—much less make him disloyal to the brother whom he has sworn to help, aid, and assist, be that brother’s nationality what it may.”

When it comes to sweeping “ the foundations from beneath our feet,” we realize that “ war is hell ”; and Brotherhood hasn’t very secure footing anywhere in Europe that you can notice much, especially in the relations between the warring nations. Something may be said for the state of mind of our English Brethren in this matter when it is considered that their country was honeycombed with enemy spies.

His “ afterword ” is a plea for Masonic unity. After stating what a General Grand Lodge should *not* be he says:

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“ But if on the other hand by a ‘ General Grand Lodge ’ you mean some sort of national or international governing or advisory body that shall concern itself with Masonry in its *interjurisdictional aspects alone*, that shall confine itself wholly to the business of making Masonic matters run smoother between the Grand Lodges of the nation, or even of the world, and shall make for union, peace, and harmony among individual Masons of different states and nations, then we should heartily favor it, for that would be ‘ a consummation devoutly to be wished ! ’ ”

His review of Pennsylvania (1915) is abundant. The “ key-note ” of the “ admirable installation address ” of Grand Master WATRES is quoted. Our practice of granting permission to present further petitions for initiation and membership he characterizes “ a very pernicious proceeding and a sort of subterfuge for beating the black ball ; such a thing would not be tolerated in Iowa.” His language is so positive and final as to indicate that all the wisdom of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can furnish no theory to convince him of the value and propriety of such procedure, which we have followed for many years with no “ pernicious ” results. As we are not urging it upon Iowa it is unnecessary to elucidate. Perhaps it is one of the things Brother BLOCK’s General Grand Lodge would correct in us ! Incidentally, there appear to be some things practised in Iowa that would not be “ tolerated ” in Pennsylvania. See above.

THOMAS ARTHUR,	Logan,	Grand Master.
NEWTON R. PARVIN,	Cedar Rapids,	Grand Secretary.

IRELAND—1915.

STATED COMMUNICATION, December 27, 1915, at Dublin, presided over by Deputy Grand Master Sir CHARLES A. CAMERON, C.B.

A letter was read from the Grand Master, the EARL OF

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DONOUGHMORE, regretting his inability to be present, saying: "I feel that my duty imperatively calls me to the office in Boulogne (France) where I have promised to give the best help I can."

The Deputy Grand Master made a brief address in which he referred to the war and said: "A large proportion of the population of Ireland came forward and joined the Army and the Navy—men of all ranks of life, but more particularly from the classes from which our Order is mainly recruited and who have so numerously volunteered to serve their country in this crisis." He also said that if the views urged upon the British people by LORD ROBERTS—a Past Master of one of the Dublin Lodges—had been adopted, the present war would never have taken place.

The principal business of the Communication was the presentation of the report of Deputy Grand Secretary H. E. FLAVELLE. He addressed Brother CAMERON in congratulatory words upon his eighty-fifth birthday, he having been for fifty-six years a member of the Order in Ireland and more than fifty years Secretary of Lodge No. 25.

He reported that notwithstanding the war the Masonic Order had not been seriously affected; except in the Masonic festivities it had maintained its activities, and the savings effected by abandonment of many banquets was diverted into charitable channels. The Lodges had contributed about \$24,000 to various war relief funds. He reported a letter from Past Grand Master WILLIAM B. MELISH, of Ohio, forwarding \$2,000 from the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.

He referred to a considerable number of "enemy aliens," members of Irish Lodges, and the Board of General Purposes had considered "that whilst hostilities last it would be most undesirable, in the interest of Masonic harmony, to advance any such to office in a Lodge, or admit them as Candidates to the Order."

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With respect to a world-distinguished Masonic student and author, the report contains the following:

“ In the front page of this Report will be found a portrait of Right Worshipful Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., Grand Treasurer. For upwards of forty years he has been a prominent figure in Irish Freemasonry, and has taken a leading part in the preservation of all matters of literary and historic interest affecting the Craft. His fame as a Masonic writer is not confined to this country, but is known over the whole Masonic world, and reflects honour on the Grand Lodge of Ireland. During the present year he was elected a life member of the Masonic Research Society of the United States, ‘for having voluntarily endowed Masonic students of the world with the results of his ardent researches and philosophy of Masonry.’ His chief work on the early history of Irish Masonry was published in two volumes some twenty years ago, under the title of ‘Caementaria Hibernica,’ but is now out of print. Quite recently the Board of General Purposes approached Bro. Crawley on the subject of obtaining his consent to the re-publication of that work, together with a selection from his other Masonic writings which, for the benefit of his many admirers, I hope will be carried out; unfortunately at the present time our distinguished brother is seriously indisposed, but I trust that he will soon recover his customary health, and be able to edit and revise these interesting works.”

At the September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the death of Brother CRAWLEY was announced, and a minute recorded of appreciation of his great service to Masonic literature. His death was a severe loss to the Craft of the whole world.

EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, Dublin, Grand Master.

LORD PLUNKETT, Dublin, Grand Secretary.

H. E. FLAVELLE, Dublin, Deputy Grand Secretary.

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KANSAS—1915-1916.

Lodges, 406. Membership, 42,412. Gain, 1,744.

FIFTY-NINTH Annual Communication, February 17, 1915, at Wichita.

As expressed by a committee considering the official address of Grand Master CHARLES H. CHANDLER, "it is a business paper, containing a due admixture of sentiment and poetry." The business referred to was largely routine and of no interest outside of the Jurisdiction; and as we are not presumed to discuss matters of poetry in our present effort, there is little in the said address to bring to the attention of our Brethren.

Appeals made to him in behalf of war sufferers, by agencies remote from the war zone, were unheeded; and Grand Lodge commended his "rational treatment" of them, saying: "While Masons should ever stand ready to respond to the needs of the destitute, they should also avoid hysteria and imposition." We are glad to believe Kansas was "ready."

Total expense of Masonic Home for the year was \$17,185.48, about \$186.51 per capita of residents; contributions by the Order of Eastern Star were about \$3,800. The receipts of Grand Lodge for the year were \$46,139.04 in the General Fund, and expenses \$45,720.51; Charity Fund received \$2,136.05 and expended \$1,429.

Among the Lodges working under dispensation was Scranton Lodge, in Osage County. Its probationary period having passed to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge it was granted a charter at this Communication. A Lodge by that name is bound to be a success anywhere!

Grand Lodge owns a property in Topeka in which its business affairs are conducted and which was found to be in a state of dilapidation and wholly inadequate for its purposes. Therefore it was determined to tear it down and erect a new building, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

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Proceedings contains a very complete Correspondence Report by Past Grand Master MATTHEW M. MILLER. Pennsylvania (1913) is given ample notice and reference is made to the inaugural address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS as "a good start in his official career." He devotes considerable attention to the development of the Elizabethtown Home and believes "it will be the wonder and admiration of all those who are interested in humanity."

WILLIAM L. BURDICK,	Lawrence,	Grand Master.
ALBERT K. WILSON,	Topeka,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 412. Membership, 44,062. Gain, 1,650.

SIXTIETH Annual Communication, February 16, 1916, at Topeka.

In his official address Grand Master WILLIAM L. BURDICK claimed that Kansas leads every State in the country in the percentage of its Masonic population except Maine and Vermont, although the number of Masons in those States is less than in Kansas. The fact was referred to as a striking accomplishment of the sixty years of the existence of the Grand Lodge as well as the flourishing conditions of the Jurisdiction in all other respects.

Grand Lodge resolved to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection, furnishing and equipment of an "office, library and museum building" at Topeka; and levied an assessment of \$1.00 on each member of the Lodges for the years 1916 and 1917.

Among the other appropriations was \$500 to the Washington Memorial Association.

A feature of the communication was an able and instructive oration on "Masonry and Democracy," by the Governor of Kansas, Brother ARTHUR CAPPER, a member of Lodge 51, of Topeka, from which we are pleased to take the following:

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“ The Mason, then, of all citizens, must of necessity be a patriot. He must be inspired with that love of country which is more than mere sentiment and high-sounding cant. It is not enough for him to cheer when the flag goes by. It is not enough for him to feel a patriotic thrill and to stand uncovered when the National Anthem is played. His patriotism must be positive and active. It must be one of the prime motives behind his every act. It must manifest itself in his attitude toward life and toward his fellows. It must impel him to make the problems of his country and the welfare of his countrymen his own intensely personal concern. It must make him think of the United States of America—not as an abstraction symbolized by UNCLE SAM or the fair figure of COLUMBIA; not as three million square miles of fertile plains and rock-ribbed mountains; not as a rich and powerful land; but as one hundred million human souls whose brother he is; whose life and well-being are of immediate personal concern to him.”

Brother MILLER's Correspondence Report has a review of Pennsylvania's doings (1914), devoting careful attention to our late Brother LAMBERTON's report of that year. He had not yet heard of Brother LAMBERTON's death, although it occurred some months previously.

GILES H. LAMB,	Yates Center,	Grand Master.
ALBERT K. WILSON.	Topeka,	Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY—1915.

Lodges, 594. Membership, 43,387. Gain, 1,248.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH Annual Communication,
October 19, 1915, at Louisville.

It was announced in the official address of Grand Master

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GEORGE B. WINSLOW that the Lodges had contributed \$1,263.10 to the War Relief Association, and at his suggestion Grand Lodge added \$1,000 more to the same fund. Past Grand Master BERNARD G. WITT, of Kentucky, is the chief executive of the Association, than whom there is no man more safe and able to manage its affairs. We speak from knowledge gained of Brother WITT from personal contact with him.

As another illustration of "seeing ourselves as others see us," failure to obtain from Pennsylvania the conferment of degrees by courtesy, prompted the Grand Master to report:

"Very many requests have been made through me for the above purposes. So far as I am advised, no Grand Master or Lodge in any Grand Jurisdiction failed to grant such requests as were made by me for the above purposes except Pennsylvania. The laws of Pennsylvania do not permit it to confer degrees by courtesy; in fact, it seems to me, that while our Pennsylvania brethren are just as good Masons as any of us, when it comes to laws they constitute an exception to almost every general rule. No Lodge in Kentucky, so far as I am advised, refused to grant any request made through me from any jurisdiction for either of the above purposes."

The Grand Master was called upon to render more than one hundred decisions and opinions, about one-third of which he deemed it necessary to report. The unqualified approval of all of them by Grand Lodge is a striking testimony to his comprehensive knowledge of the law and regulations of his Grand Lodge and the customs and usages of the Craft.

At the preceding Annual Communication it was proposed to raise, by free-will offerings from the Lodges, \$60,000 to liquidate the indebtedness of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. Grand Master WINSLOW reported that of the desired amount the 7,000 Masons of Louisville and vicinity had contributed about \$12,000, and the other 35,000

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Masons in Kentucky about \$12,000. Three hundred and seventy-five Lodges did not give anything. His discussion of the failure of the plan furnishes a good illustration of the type of Masons—alas, too many of them everywhere!—whose aim is to get the maximum out of Masonry by putting the minimum into it. He began an investigation to ascertain just what each Lodge had contributed to the support of the Home and what benefits it had received in the care of inmates sent to the Home by each Lodge; but the task was too big for his available time to complete it. As examples, he reported a list of about fifty of the Lodges that gave nothing to this free-will fund, and which showed that most of them received benefits from the Home in excess of their contribution for its support, and in numerous cases many times as much. Springing from lofty ideals of a Mason's duty to take care of the distressed, his severe arraignment of the delinquent Lodges for refusal to stand their share of the burden was timely and refreshing. Grand Lodge resolved to pursue his investigation of relative payments to and benefits from the Home as a basis of further action. In the conduct of all Masonic Homes, if the expenses of operation may, to some extent, be apportioned among the Lodges according to benefits, it would appear that there might be some justice and equity in it. But free-will offerings are not, as a rule, a success; better levy a uniform tax and compel each individual to pay his share.

Closely related to, and no doubt to some extent influencing the plans of the Grand Master to raise the above mentioned free-will offering, was an unfortunate controversy, one phase of which appeared to be an effort to discredit the Board of Directors of the Home, of which the Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge are members. The Home publishes a paper called "The Masonic Home Journal." The Journal got into a political and religious controversy with an official of the Knights of Columbus, which the Board of Directors of the Home determined should be discontinued. St. Andrew

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Lodge, at Cynthiana, took up the controversy by circulars addressed to the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and criticised and attempted to prejudice the Board of Directors. Upon their refusal to desist, the Grand Master arrested the charter of the Lodge and cited the officers to show cause why it should not be permanently revoked.

A committee of Grand Lodge appointed to investigate the whole matter reported its approval of the Grand Master's action, but recommended that the charter of St. Andrew Lodge be restored, on condition that it rescind all its actions taken in the premises, which it agreed to do, expressing its regret that it had been the cause of "so much confusion among the Craft." The report of the committee was adopted by Grand Lodge, but evidently not until after a prolonged discussion and the application of certain parliamentary rules to limit debate.

We venture to say that the consensus of intelligent opinion will support Grand Master WINSLOW and his associates in their action. What does it profit Masonry to enter upon any quarrel with any outside interest, religious or political? Masonry is here to stay, regardless of the misconceptions and bias of any opponent. Conscious of its own strength and of the value and integrity of its mission, it may well ignore the assaults of any foe and say "they pass me by like the idle winds which I respect not." It is not a case of being "too proud to fight," but the futility of it. The concluding words of the above mentioned committee are very apropos:

"In reaching the conclusions herein expressed and the recommendation herein made, your committee has not been unmindful of the fact that many profanes deride, condemn and attempt to injure the Order; that some brothers with pure and lofty motives may, in their zeal for the institution, do things which might result against their intentions so to do, in injury to the Order, but in the providence of the Great

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Architect they have all failed to do it injury. Notwithstanding the attacks from profanes and the misguided conduct of some of its zealous supporters, it has extended and still extends with each passing day its influence to every sect and into every clime. Its votaries come from all the walks of life, from the highest rank of the professional man to the humblest laborer who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow.

“ ‘ Why, then, should the world desire its destruction? We seek no contest with the throne or the altar; we ask no assent to political or religious dogmas; we solicit no converts to our cause. Based on the principles of immutable JUSTICE, supported by “ Wisdom, Strength and Beauty,” it will endure till the “ last syllable of recorded time.” ’ ’ ’ ”

We are pleased to encounter Brother WILLIAM W. CLARKE in another field of Correspondence effort. His reports are of fine quality wherever they are found. But somehow Pennsylvania evades him; we are not favored with his notice.

Brother CLARKE has a vision:

“ The General Grand Lodge question is slowly moving into the zone of controversy. The cloud, no larger than a man’s hand, to which reference was made in the conclusion to our report last year, is assuming a more portentous aspect, and electrical discharges, faint yet, may occasionally be seen playing about its periphery. A meteorological chart is not yet possible. It has gained one powerful advocate, Past Grand Master Block, of Iowa, who ably discusses the question in the ‘ Foreword ’ to his report on Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to which the reader is referred. The idea is obnoxious to us. — We may discuss it at a later date.”

We do not reproduce the above as a “ sign of the times ” or as a warning to Pennsylvania’s pride in her sovereign

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power, but merely as a subject which some day may furnish the correspondents pleasant discussion—if indeed, it has not already begun.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ADAMS, Louisville, Grand Master.
DAVE JACKSON, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 220. Membership, 16,885. Gain, 1,002.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH Annual Communication, February 1, 1915, at New Orleans.

Under the auspices of the Louisiana Historical Society, New Orleans celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans and one hundred years of peace between the United States and Great Britain. The celebration closed on June 10th with a grand parade. Grand Master JAMES H. CALDWELL accepted an invitation to the Masons to participate. He convened the Grand Lodge in Extraordinary Communication and conducted appropriate services as a tribute to Brother ANDREW JACKSON, Past Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee, and the hero of Chalmette; after which the Masons, to the number of about 4,000, marched at the head of the division of civic societies in honor of the event—"the grandest celebration in the history of New Orleans, if not in the South."

It appears that in Louisiana a petitioner must undergo the test of the ballot for each of the three degrees. Grand Master CALDWELL, discussing the pernicious misuse of the black ball, recommended that a change be made so that "one ballot should cover the three degrees." It was a rather radical suggestion and we do not find that any notice was taken of it by Grand Lodge.

A member of one of the Lodges was convicted and sentenced for manslaughter. Charges were preferred against

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him in his Lodge, and "after due trial" he was found not guilty by a vote of 20 to 13. There was no allegation that he had not received a fair and impartial trial in the courts and there was no evidence of mitigating circumstances in the case. For the honor of Masonry the Grand Master determined that the man should be expelled by his Lodge; and, without going into details as to his course in the premises, we note that he succeeded. His action was approved by Grand Lodge, as were also all his other official doings, dispensations, decisions, etc., except a few of minor importance. He made an enviable record and received expressions of due appreciation from his Brethren.

Grand Lodge appropriated \$1,000 to the War Relief Fund.

The Grand Master having discovered that reservations existed for memorial stones in the Washington Monument at Washington, D. C., he endeavored to secure a place for a stone from his Grand Lodge; but the authorities of the Government denied him the privilege. Grand Lodge passed resolutions insisting that its request be granted, and is to seek the influence of the Senators and Representatives from Louisiana to accomplish it. As an item of general information we append one of the preambles to said resolution:

"Whereas, our M. W. Bro. James H. Caldwell, in the name of this Grand Lodge, applied for permission to place a memorial stone in the monument erected to the memory of our Illustrious Brother, George Washington, a privilege which was granted to the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Ohio, New York, Maryland, Illinois, Georgia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, and twelve Masonic Lodges, also to fifty States, six individuals, eight labor unions, twelve fire companies, two Redmen Councils, ten Odd Fellows Lodges, four temperance societies, one hundred and eleven patriotic societies, the Ancient Order of

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Hibernians, a dramatist, nine colleges, three churches, one medical society, two newspapers, two Indians, and twelve foreign governments.”

The veteran Brother RICHARD LAMBERT retired from the office of Grand Secretary, after a service of more than forty years. As a deserved tribute to his efficient and faithful service he was, by a rising and unanimous vote, elected Grand Secretary Emeritus, with a salary of \$1,200 per annum and given desk room in the Grand Secretary's office.

Brother HERMAN C. DUNCAN tells us of his desperate illness, from which he was then happily recovering, and of the true friends who rallied to his assistance, that his Correspondence Report should not fail of appearance. Pennsylvania (1913) is briefly noticed and a generous excerpt taken from the address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS, on the evils of gossip and slander. The report concludes with a resolution to recognize the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

ALFRED W. CHEESMAN,	Shreveport,	Grand Master.
JOHN A. DAVILLA,	New Orleans,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 226. Membership, 17,768. Gain, 883.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH Annual Communication, February 7, 1916, at New Orleans.

“Death loves a shining mark.” The Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother ALFRED WALTER CHEESMAN, was taken away in the midst of his duties, September 30, 1915, and on December 6, 1915, he was followed by that venerable and much beloved Past Grand Master RICHARD LAMBERT, who, the preceding year, was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus after an honorable and faithful service of twenty-four years as Grand Secretary.

An excellent address by Acting Grand Master BRITTAIN B. PURSER shows that he was amply prepared to assume the vacant post. He reported the Craft in flourishing condition,

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saying: "We have progressed in the knowledge of the arts and sciences taught by our professions, as well as in the deeper and finer knowledge of its true principles."

He believed that their present system of a separate ballot for each degree should be continued, and of the alleged misuse of the ballot, said:

"I do not believe that the Black Ball is used for petty spite or for revenge, but I believe in the general conscientiousness of the Craft, and I feel that rejections, when made, are proper, whether the membership at large ever learns the reason why or not."

The doings of Grand Lodge at this Communication were such as to interest only the Brethren of the Jurisdiction.

In Brother DUNCAN's Correspondence Report, Pennsylvania (1914) is briefly noticed. He seems to have missed the point in a decision of Grand Master WILLIAMS which declared a petition null and void in the case of an applicant who removed from the Jurisdiction before the Committee of Inquiry could perform its duty. The applicant having gone out of the Jurisdiction there was nothing for the committee or the Lodge to act upon; and there was nothing to do but "throw the case out of court," leaving the status of the petitioner as if no petition had been presented, he to seek Masonry wherever he chose.

BRITTAİN B. PURSER,	Amite,	Grand Master.
JOHN A. DAVILLA,	New Orleans,	Grand Secretary.

MAINE—1915-1916.

Lodges, 205. Membership, 30,884. Gain, 590.

NINETY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, May 2, 1916,
at Portland.

Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE reported the growth

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of membership steady and healthy, probably as great as desirable, having in mind that it is not quantity but quality to be looked for in estimating the gains; that one good, earnest worker with love for the Craft and knowledge of its mysteries is worth many whose apparent aim in obtaining the degrees is to use them as a means to some ulterior end and whose chief assistance is only in paying dues. His conception of the every-day duty and opportunity to exemplify the tenets of our Institution is thus expressed:

“But I believe the works of Masonry in this state are advanced, that the brethren measure up a little higher than ever before. Never in its history has the world been called upon to show such liberality of giving as during the past six months and nobly has the demand been met. Whatsoever things are good and true and noble and of good report are ours if we will claim and practice them. All about us are opportunities for making others happier by smoothing the path that must be trodden by all. To few is given the opportunity to do great things, but life is made up of daily tasks, and the faithfulness with which we perform the work that comes to our hands is the measure of our usefulness.”

Speaking of Landmarks—Brother STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary, is in a class by himself. The following from his report tells the remarkable story of an enviable record and faithful service:

“This is the 60th annual communication at which I have occupied this desk. Not one of those present in 1856 is left for me to congratulate, but the ever changing representation keeps the Grand Lodge always young and vigorous despite its near approach to a century of existence, and I congratulate you all on that youth and vigor.”

The Master Mason's degree was exemplified before Grand Lodge by the officers of the Lodge of Augusta.

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Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounts to \$72,407.22; paid to beneficiaries during the year, \$1,911.

Correspondence Report is by Brother ALBRO E. CHASE and contains a notice of Pennsylvania (1914).

THOMAS H. BODGE,	Augusta,	Grand Master.
STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 205. Membership, 31,328. Gain, 444.

NINETY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, May 2, 1916, at Portland.

Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE declared that "Masonry in Maine is certainly advancing in the broad, noble sense of becoming more and more a part of the life of the members." He warned his Brethren not to forget that "mere numbers is not the mark at which we aim"; that there is more danger from misuse of the white ball than the black ball; and he wished that moral defects might be as clearly defined as physical imperfections and legislated against as strictly.

He urged his Brethren to read the reports of the Correspondence Committee, believing it would enlarge their view of Masonry; and of Brother CHASE he said that he was "proud of the fact that we have one of the best and most careful reviewers and pleased to observe he is so recognized by the rest of the guild"—to which, of course, we will say amen! And we will also second the Grand Master's recommendation that "this Grand Lodge will show its appreciation of the work of Most Worshipful Brother CHASE by increasing the remuneration." Further, we are glad to see that Grand Lodge did that very thing.

Brother CHASE's report this year fully sustains the estimation of Grand Master BODGE. We find Pennsylvania (1915) briefly and fraternally noticed.

WALDO PETTENGILL,	Rumford,	Grand Master.
STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland,	Grand Secretary.

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MANITOBA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 78. Membership, 7,242. Gain, 313.

FORTIETH Annual Communication, June 9, 1915, at Winnipeg.

Any one who has been in Canada in recent months and has seen the soldiers everywhere—from Vancouver to Halifax—training and departing for the scenes of conflict abroad, may well understand how the note of war dominates every thought; and even the Masonic Fraternity is not an exception. So we find many references to it in the records of the Grand Lodges.

Grand Master LYNDS S. VAUGHAN, in his official address, refers to the unity of the British Empire and the mistaken notion of the genius of the British Nation in the following:

“England, the possessor of one-fifth of the habitable globe, was effete and her sole desire was to be left in peace to digest, from the German point of view, her illgotten gains; Ireland in a state of civil war; Canada and the overseas dominions ready to cut the painter and set up for themselves on the first sign of trouble; South Africa to break away and India seething with sedition, but the sound of the first gun consolidated this British Empire in one bond with the suddenness of a chemical reaction. And the silken thread of sentiment became in a twinkling a rope of steel.”

He made an appeal to the Lodges in behalf of the “Canadian Voluntary Field Hospital Contingent,” which originated with Canada Lodge No. 3527, of London, England, which resulted in contributions amounting to \$4,983.

From the reports of District Deputies it is learned that “a warm brotherly spirit prevails throughout the Jurisdiction and that increasing concern for those distressed is a splendid augury of greater endeavor on the part of the Brethren.” During the year \$5,721.56 was paid out for relief of Masons,

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whether affiliated or unaffiliated, and for the families of such. As an illustration of good coming out of evil, evidences were not wanting that the war had the effect, in large measure, of bringing out the better qualities of mankind—in many cases dormant—in the charity, benevolence and philanthropy displayed towards assuaging the misery, and relieving the distress consequent upon the conflict, in many forms of relief work, Red Cross Societies and generous help and assistance given one and all, not to mention the more thoughtful consideration shown our fellow-men in and out of the actual conflict of arms. A wide range of thought is opened: whether a “new man” is not to evolve from the awful cataclysm and Brotherhood given a new impetus to higher levels.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge do not appear to be of unusual interest warranting a report to our readers.

WILLIAM FENWICK,	Brandon,	Grand Master.
JAMES A. OVAS,	Winnipeg,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 78. Membership, 7,241. Gain, 1.

FORTY-FIRST Annual Communication, June 14, 1916, at Winnipeg.

The address of Grand Master WILLIAM FENWICK dwelt at length upon the war in Europe and Freemasonry's ideals in relation to patriotism and loyalty in service to king and country. In appealing for larger charity he referred to the fact that “it is estimated that the sum of \$7,000,000 is necessary to meet this year's demand for those impoverished, in Canada, by the war.”

Grand Secretary reported additional contributions to the War Relief Fund of \$3,652 and \$165 to the Canadian Military Hospital. Grand Lodge voted a donation of \$5,000 to the War Relief Fund.

During the year thirty-two Lodges obtained dispensations to attend divine service.

An ably prepared paper entitled “Report of the Com-

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mittee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence" was presented by Right Worshipful Brother PERCY E. KELLET, concluding with very liberal views on Masonic Unity. It makes a plea for the Grand Orients of France and Belgium, saying, "From what your committee has been able to find out, there is a great deal to admire and little if anything to condemn about the Masonry of France and Belgium"; and it says further:

"Your committee do not wish to be understood as wanting to change our constitution, our ritual or our landmarks, but would prefer to have these remain as they are. For the sake of the attainment of our ideal of universal brotherhood, though, they would respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt the principle that we can enter into fraternal relationship with any Masonic body whose members are good men and true, men of honor and honesty, who are earnest searchers after the same truth as we are, even though they do not insist in lodge on the presence of the Bible on the Altar and the declaration of belief in the G. A. of the U."

The record says: "The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was received and adopted." We wonder if, by that, the Grand Lodge intended to commit itself to the above cited views of the committee.

HENRY E. BLETCHER,	Winnipeg,	Grand Master.
JAMES A. OVAS,	Winnipeg,	Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND—1915.

Lodges, 116. Membership, 17,135. Gain, 648.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH Annual Communication, November 16, 1915, at Baltimore.

At the Semi-annual Communication held May 11, 1915,

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amendments to the law were enacted to provide that an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft cannot be advanced before examination in open Lodge and a ballot by the members present as to his proficiency; five negative ballots postpones advancement. Another amendment provides that four ballots may be reported on a candidate's application for "correcting an error."

At the Annual Communication Grand Lodge voted \$5,000 to the Washington Memorial Association; also \$500 to the United Patriotic Home for Orphans and Homeless Children, at Baltimore. It was also resolved to establish a Masonic Home. The Grand Inspector reported the Lodges all in good condition, the work generally done very creditably, due, in great measure, to the attendance of officers at the Schools of Instruction.

At the suggestion of the Correspondence Committee the Grand Lodge of Queensland was given recognition.

A motion to omit from printed Proceedings the names of members of Lodges was voted down.

Grand Master THOMAS J. SHRYOCK was re-elected to that office for the thirty-first time.

Correspondence Report is by Brother HENRY BRANCH. Proceedings of Pennsylvania "was not received at all, or too late for notice."

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,	Baltimore,	Grand Master.
GEORGE COOK,	Baltimore,	Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS—1915.

Lodges, 257. Membership, 70,254. Gain, 2,353.

QUARTERLY Communication, March 10, 1915, at Boston.

Grand Master MELVIN M. JOHNSON appeared to doubt the wisdom of the policy of their Grand Lodge in not having

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a Correspondence Committee, and implied a danger of isolation resulting therefrom. He referred to the "many criticisms aimed at us on that account," and requested a committee to consider the subject and advise Grand Lodge whether they "should adopt the custom common to almost all other Grand Lodges." The committee's report—supplemented by an article from the *New England Freemason*, for April, 1874—was against it. They doubted that the expense of printing, binding and publishing would warrant it; among other things it was said:

"It would be unkind to analyze these Committee reports from any Grand Lodge to show the weakness of the system. Mistakes of names and dates in historical statements, errors in rulings on Masonic jurisprudence, controversial discussions, personal and unkind remarks occur too frequently in many reports, and there is a disposition frequently to engage in useless argument on doubtful questions."

At the June Quarterly the Grand Master rendered a decision, that one who has served as a District Deputy Grand Master always retains the title "Right Worshipful"—the title of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and of a Past Grand Master.

A thorough investigation of the "Regular and Independent National Grand Lodge for France and Colonies" was made by Past Grand Master CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, of the Committee on Foreign Relations; and upon his recommendation its request for recognition was denied. The report of Brother GALLAGHER furnishes a good reference for other Grand Lodges to which similar requests may come.

We learn from the Grand Master's address at the September Quarterly that the constitutional law in Massachusetts on "physical qualifications" is the following:

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“ ‘ If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount to an inability to meet the requirements of the Ritual, and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation.’ ”

The Grand Lodge has under its Jurisdiction three Lodges in Shanghai, China, apparently composed of English-speaking members, and to which Chinese of the Confucian faith were not admitted. Grand Master JOHNSON received a petition for the establishment of a Lodge at Peking, the purpose of which was to accept the applications of all nationalities, applying to them the same test, namely: belief in a Supreme Being, ability to understand and speak the English language fluently, and that they be good men and true, worthy of receiving the honors of Freemasonry because of their morality and integrity.

He had issued a dispensation to the petitioners, and in reporting the matter to Grand Lodge said:

“ This petition presented five principal subjects for serious consideration. First, the Personnel of the Applicants; Second, the Field of Usefulness; Third, the Relations of the Lodge to Civil Government; Fourth, Eligibility of Candidates who Subscribe to Prevailing Oriental Religions; Fifth, Adaptability of our Rites to the Working of such Material.”

He reported his investigation of the facts involved in the first three subjects mentioned, and having resolved them in favor of the petitioners, was led to issue the dispensation. He then went on to discuss the fourth and fifth subjects, saying, among other things, in relation to the fourth:

“ It is an unchangeable Ancient Landmark of the Fraternity that there is but one Masonic dogma. We construct a universal religious philosophy thereupon, as a part of which

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we teach belief in immortality and endeavor to inculcate other tenets of our profession, but our sole dogma is the Landmark of belief in a Supreme Being, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, the creating and superintending Power of all things. No man may be a Freemason unless he is a believer in monotheism. No neophyte ever has been or ever shall be permitted vision of our mysteries or reception of our obligations until he has openly, unequivocally, and solemnly asserted this belief. Beyond that we inquire and require nothing of sectarianism or religious belief.

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“ By reason of the nature of our population and membership in Massachusetts we are accustomed to recognize the applicability of this principle to Trinitarian and to Unitarian, to Christian and to Hebrew, but now that it is in a practical manner called to our attention, we should not be startled when we recognize that it applies alike to other Deists who gain their inspiration from other books than that open before you upon the altar. We may find Monotheism proclaimed not only in the New Testament of the Christian, but also in the Koran of the Islamite, in the Avestas of the Magians of Persia, in the Book of Kings of the Chinese, in the Sutras of the Buddhist, yea, even in the Vedas of the Hindu.”

Discussing the fifth subject he said:

“ To the Christian, the Volume of the Sacred Law is the Holy Bible, and upon it he should be obligated. The Christian religion is the prevailing religion of our Lodges and, therefore, the Holy Bible, as the Volume of the Sacred Law, is and must always be part of the furniture of each Lodge. Its sanctity, however, does not appeal to the Islamite, and the ceremony of initiation would lose much to him in binding effect if his obligation should be taken thereon. While the Holy

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Bible should not be removed from the Lodge, the conscientious Islamite who so desires may be permitted to take his obligation upon the Koran; the Hindu, otherwise qualified and accepted, may be permitted to have the Vedas spread open before him; and the rite of initiation may be so far adapted to the conscience and religious belief of a candidate as to permit his taking the obligation in a manner and form regarded by him as sacred and binding, and upon that work which to him is the Volume of the Sacred Law, providing always that such Volume of the Sacred Law teach Monotheism."

He considered the above mentioned fourth and fifth subjects of such serious import that he desired the judgment of Grand Lodge thereon, and named a committee of learned Brethren to take them under consideration and report to Grand Lodge. The report of the committee—presented at the December Quarterly—appears to have been prepared by Right Worshipful ROSCOE POUND, LL.D., Deputy Grand Master, and Professor of Jurisprudence in the Harvard University Law School. It is a scholarly dissertation upon the relation of Freemasonry to religious beliefs and practices, dealing especially with Buddhists and the followers of Confucius, and sustained the Grand Master in his conclusions.

At the December Quarterly the Grand Master incorporated in his address several financial statements, among them a summary of funds in the Masonic and Charity Trust aggregating \$717,690.11. There is also a page portrait of himself, clothed in "constitutional regalia"—new acquisitions—made by a firm in London "which has manufactured regalia for the Grand Lodge of England for more than a century. No one could be found in this country who could manufacture it properly." The head-piece looks as if it might have been copied from the picture of "Washington crossing the Delaware," or the chapeau of Napoleon Bonaparte. Just the

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same, Brother JOHNSON is a handsome man and looks very distingué in it.

He was pleased to mention that "Masonic Reviewers all over the world have been cordial in their commendation of the Proceedings" of Massachusetts, and quoted several of them who were extremely complimentary. There is no doubt that this Grand Lodge includes in its Proceedings many learned discussions of general Masonic subjects, of commanding interest and importance.

Masonic Home report showed an average number of residents for the year, 50; the per capita cost of maintenance was \$386.02.

MELVIN M. JOHNSON,	Cambridge,	Grand Master.
FREDERICK W. HAMILTON,	Boston,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 431. Membership, 78,857. Gain, 3,893.

SEVENTY-FIRST Annual Communication, May 25, 1915, at Bay City.

Addresses of welcome were made by a representative of the Masons of Bay City and by the Mayor, which were responded to by Grand Master WILLIAM M. PERRETT.

In his official address, referring to the onerous and multi-form duties of his office, the Grand Master had this to say:

"But it ought to be remembered that while the work of Grand Master, in days gone by, involved a somewhat lavish expenditure of time, thought, and energy, that outlay was infinitesimal by comparison with what is required of a present day Grand Master. Masonry was once an infant in this jurisdiction. The period of infancy has passed. With an ever increasing membership, it will soon come to pass that a Grand Master must devote all or nearly all of his time to the duties

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of his office. Hence, the increasing prestige which accrues to a Grand Master in these later days. Hence, too, the necessity for the greatest care in selecting those who are to scale round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle."

Under the heading "State of the Order" the Grand Master analyzed the conditions and activities of the Lodges, and at his suggestion it was determined to appoint a commission to consider and report the next year upon a number of subjects presented by him and deemed of importance as touching the Craft. Did time and space permit, we would like to discuss some of the points submitted; we can only append the list of topics:

"(a) The best method of insuring a faithful and efficient rendition of the ritual.

"(b) The feasibility of the system of visitation by District Deputy Grand Masters, or otherwise.

"(c) The methods and advantages of well conducted schools of instruction.

"(d) The advisability of affixing a maximum membership in subordinate lodges, and the wisdom of encouraging the formation of new lodges, after such limit had been reached.

"(e) The best method of insuring the proficiency of newly elected Masters and Wardens, before their installation.

"(f) How to provide the best opportunities for service and the attainment of knowledge to the young and zealous brother.

"(g) The advisability of increasing the fees for dispensations and charters, and for degrees."

Grand Master PERRETT was very much interested in the War Relief Association. His appeal for contributions brought from 196 Lodges the magnificent sum of \$7,072.97 to the fund.

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Our inference from a report of the Jurisprudence Committee is that a member of a Lodge may withdraw therefrom, but may not petition any Lodge for membership except the Lodge from which he withdrew. It was sought to amend the law so that he might petition another Lodge for membership, using his withdrawal certificate as evidence of good standing. The proposal was defeated. Query: Is it possible for a Mason in Michigan to transfer his membership from one Lodge to another, and if so, how is it done? Perhaps there is some distinction between a "withdrawal from Masonry" and a withdrawal from a Lodge?

It was also proposed to amend the law so as to "do away with the ballot for advancement." This, too, was rejected; so it appears that an applicant must be ballotted upon for each degree. We have observed in a number of Grand Lodges, where this is the rule, more or less agitation to change to the single ballot.

In a very complete Correspondence Report Brother Lou B. WINSOR, Past Grand Master, also Grand Secretary, includes a report of Pennsylvania for 1914, one of the salient features of which is an excerpt from the address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS on our "perpetual objection"; but as Brother WINSOR is enjoined by the laws of his Grand Lodge from expressing any opinion "upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge," of course he has no comments on the subject. A blue-print of his mind, however, would no doubt be interesting.

GEORGE L. LUSK,	Bay City,	Grand Master.
LOU B. WINSOR,	Reed City,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 436. Membership, 82,551. Gain, 3,694.

SEVENTY-SECOND Annual Communication, May 23, 1916, at Battle Creek.

In his official address Grand Master GEORGE L. LUSK

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expressed strong views against the creation of "new organizations whose membership is based on Blue Lodge affiliation." He called them "side issues." He had in mind a certain organization—which he did not name—and said: "The time has come for the Grand Lodge to put a ban on this or similar creations—that are non-essentials to Masonry in its service of social progress and moral uplift." No doubt leaders of Masonic thought will agree with him; but it is a difficult problem to curb the restless spirits who crave the limelight and leadership, not otherwise attainable, by building "something new" on a foundation already prepared for them. Grand Lodge, guided by the Jurisprudence Committee, considered the subject, but rather dodged it by deciding that nothing could be done unless somebody proposed an amendment to the Constitution—which was not done. Nebraska determined this very question (1916) by resolution, in a very stringent manner. We predict it will come up in other Jurisdictions and a great deal of controversy grow out of it. We can see the possibility of it getting into the civil courts; therefore the legal fraternity in Grand Lodges will be sought for guidance.

During the year the new Masonic Home Infirmary was completed, at a total expense of \$38,654.46. It was declared to be "one of the most beautiful buildings, both inside and out, to be classed along with other infirmaries and hospitals." The Home has a total membership of 86—36 women and 50 men.

It is worthy of notice that the Grand Lodge had among its members a Brother of nearly ninety-nine years of age, who had been a Mason for sixty-two years and a Past Grand Master for fifty-one years. Such was Brother WILLIAM T. MITCHELL, of Port Huron, who died February 6, 1916. It was recorded of him: "He knew and lived the fundamentals of Masonry." His life was a sermon on optimism and helpful-

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ness. He was the personification of honor, justice and broad Christianity"—an epitaph sufficient for any man.

Grand Secretary WINSOR presented his thirteenth (in no respect unlucky) annual correspondence report. It was a "clean sweep" of all Jurisdictions in fraternal relation with Michigan. In noticing Pennsylvania (1915) he reproduces in full that part of Grand Master WILLIAMS' address defining the position of our Grand Lodge relative to other Jurisdictions in the matter of petitioners for the degrees. It is to be hoped that all Correspondents will do likewise, that our attitude in the premises may be generally known.

JOHN H. HAWKS,	Lansing,	Grand Master.
LOU B. WINSOR,	Reed City,	Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 257. Membership, 30,411. Gain, 1,602.

SIXTY-SECOND Annual Communication, January 20, 1915, at St. Paul.

The decisions, dispensations, and other official acts reported by Grand Master ROBERT E. DENFELD were all approved by Grand Lodge. He was strongly in favor of adopting educational plans for the Lodges, saying: "The ritual and ceremonies of the institution are not enough; let us seek to know why Masonry has a right to live; and make our knowledge felt." He made a strong plea for the Masonic Home Fund, then amounting to \$56,000, and hoped that in another year the initial fund of \$100,000 to commence building would be raised. Grand Lodge voted \$2,500 to the fund at this meeting. The Order of Eastern Star has contributed \$22,000 of the funds then on hand. The plan for raising the fund appears to be by sale of Lodge memberships at \$50 and individual life memberships at \$25. Some of the Lodges are doing nothing to help the fund. Among various objec-

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tions raised is one that is frequently heard—that a Lodge “can board a member at a first-class hotel much cheaper than through the erection of a Home for the purpose.” Of course, such exaggerated statements are not intended to be taken literally, but are used to convey the opinion that the modern form of Masonic charity expressed in Masonic homes is too lavish. It is difficult to argue the point with the narrow souls who probably raise it only as an excuse for not giving; they usually starve themselves mentally and morally, as well as physically, to “get ahead,” and object to anyone living on them. But should misfortune befall them and they find refuge in a Masonic Home, they are the kind who cry loudest for the best things in the house—and then some! Such men, even viewing the subject from a purely selfish standpoint, do not get the right perspective of it. The small pro rata cost of maintaining a Home is the cheapest form of insurance he can find.

In anticipation of the establishment of the Home, the Grand Secretary was directed to secure from the several Grand Lodges the cost of building and maintenance of residents and report a compilation of the same at the next Annual Communication.

In addition to the above appropriation to the Masonic Home Fund, Grand Lodge voted about \$2,100 for the relief of widows and other charities. What is called the “Widows and Orphans’ Fund” amounts to about \$81,000.

Correspondence Report is by Brother IRVING TODD, and includes fraternal notice of Pennsylvania (1913).

HARRY M. BURNHAM,	Jackson,	Grand Master.
JOHN FISHEL,	St. Paul,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 260. Membership, 31,903. Gain, 1,461.

SIXTY-THIRD Annual Communication, January 19, 1916, at St. Paul, presided over by Grand Master HARRY M. BURNHAM, who reported the year just past as one of peace and

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prosperity. Nothing of special interest appears in his address or in the transactions of Grand Lodge.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home Association made a most convincing appeal for the completion of the fund of \$100,000—then amounting to about \$70,000—with which to begin operations. They effectually disposed of the objection that a Masonic Home is an expensive luxury by proving that the average cost of maintenance in the twenty-eight Masonic Homes heard from in the United States was less than four dollars per week per capita of residents; that in the near future \$8,000,000 will have been invested in such homes; and that the almost universal opinion given was in favor of this method of carrying and maintaining those who cannot be aided in their own homes. This report should give a great impetus to the movement in Minnesota, if properly circulated, and soon consummate the desired end.

Brother TODD's Correspondence Report includes Pennsylvania (1914) with a brief notice.

ALFRED G. PINKHAM,	St. Paul,	Grand Master.
JOHN FISHEL,	St. Paul,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 365. Membership, 20,073. Gain, 631.

NINETY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, February 16, 1915, at Vicksburg.

Preceding the opening of Grand Lodge public exercises were conducted, consisting of a program of music and addresses, one of which was by the Grand Matron of the O.E.S.; after which, we assume—though the record does not say so—the “profane” (we are sorry to apply the word to ladies!) were dismissed and Grand Lodge opened for business.

The address of Grand Master ROBERT A. CARSON was

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devoted mostly to routine affairs of his office. He discovered that cipher rituals existed in the Jurisdiction and with commendable energy employed decisive measures to suppress them, ordering them to be forwarded to him and warning that the use or possession of such rituals would be followed by suspension. He was also prompt in arresting the charter of a Lodge that initiated a man who had been rejected in another Lodge, the officers of the former having full knowledge of the facts, and the Lodge refusing to obey his order to dismiss said officers and elect others. He refused to lay a corner-stone of a county court house when he discovered that the walls were up and the corner-stone would have "to be shoved in a hole."

His appeal for contributions to the War Relief Association netted \$145.05.

The Masonic Home is doing fine work; there were 110 children being maintained, at an average cost of \$136.40 per annum. To provide sufficient funds it was resolved to levy a per capita tax of one dollar for the ensuing year, as it had previously been necessary to borrow money to meet expenses. The Endowment Fund amounts to \$109,894.05.

Referring to the conference of Grand Masters held at St. Louis, May 14-17, 1914, Grand Lodge endorsed the plan of "interjurisdictional certificates of good standing, to be used in lieu of a demit, for the purpose of transfer of membership."

Grand Lodge agreed to become a member of the Washington Memorial Association and voted \$100 for that purpose. It is also proposed to raise a fund for a suitable memorial to Past Grand Master FREDERIC G. SPEED, who is much revered by all members of the Craft in the Jurisdiction, as one of the ablest and most distinguished Masons of the country.

As the result of "two months' work and time," Past Grand Master HARRY HOWARD presented a very creditable

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Correspondence Report, in which Pennsylvania (1913) finds a place and Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS quoted at some length.

JESSE M. BROOKS,	Clarksdale,	Grand Master.
FREDERIC GORDON SPEED,	Vicksburg,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 376. Membership, 20,334. Gain, 261.

NINETY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, February 15, 1916, at Greenville.

This sample of eloquence is from the official address of Grand Master JESSE M. BROOKS:

“Some one has said that two voices are ever calling unto men—one coming from the swamps of selfishness and force where success means death, and the other from the hilltops of justice and progress where even failure brings glory; that two lights are seen on their horizon—one the fast fading marsh light of power, and the other, the slowly rising sun of human brotherhood; that two ways are open before them—one leading to an ever lower and lower plane, where are heard the cries of despair and the curses of the poor, where manhood shrivels and possession rots down the possessor; and the other, leading off to the highlands of the morning, where are heard the glad shouts of humanity and where honest effort is rewarded with immortality.

“Freemasonry, my brethren, ever voices that higher call, points ever to that slowly rising sun of human brotherhood, and directs mankind toward that way leading to the highlands of the morning, where are heard the glad shouts of humanity.”

He was obliged to call attention to the fact that Grand Lodge had not funds to meet its obligations as they fell due; and the body authorized the negotiation of a loan of \$12,500 to meet the expenses of 1916.

An appeal was made on the floor of Grand Lodge by Right Worshipful Brother NATHAN GOLDSTEIN for the relief

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of the Jews in Galicia, Poland, the Balkans and Palestine; and a collection was taken among the Brethren, which amounted to \$66.06; whereupon it was voted that Grand Lodge contribute the additional sum to make the total \$100. Following this appears:

“ The following Resolution, on motion of Most Worshipful Brother, Charles H. Blum, was adopted:

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the F. & A. Masons of the State of Mississippi, recognizing the universal character of Masonry, and conscious of the miseries endured, the hardships inflicted upon the Jews in the war zone, particularly in Galicia, Poland, the Balkans, Palestine, extend to these unfortunate descendants of Solomon, our first Grand Master, an invitation to turn their eyes to our hospitable American shores, and particularly to Mississippi, where we can vouchsafe them, not only the constitutional liberties guaranteed by our statutes, but every right and privilege of liberty, as conceived in the Masonic Lodge, which we consider the cradle of human liberty.”

Brother HOWARD reviews Pennsylvania (1914) in his Correspondence Report and of us says: “ Pennsylvania, like ourselves, is old-fashioned and believes in perpetual jurisdiction.” He quotes much from the address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS.

GEORGE BOYD POWER,	Jackson,	Grand Master.
FREDERIC GORDON SPEED,	Vicksburg,	Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI—1915.

Lodges, 634. Membership, 63,966. Gain, 2,444.

NINETY-FIFTH Annual Communication, September 28, 1916, at St. Louis.

Preceding the opening of Grand Lodge the Brethren were

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entertained by the children of the Masonic Home with a musical program; there were nearly one hundred of them. The Mayor of the city delivered an address of welcome, in which he elaborated upon the greatness of St. Louis; and responding thereto Past Grand Master JAMES W. BOYD implied that one of the greatest things in the city is the Masonic Home; and he waxed eloquent in describing the happy condition of its 250 people there, the new hospital and its elegant furnishings, provided by the Eastern Star, also the \$12,000 given by the O.E.S. to furnish the new Administration Building. With one or two exceptions, Missouri claims to lead the world in Masonic Homes and the good work done in such institutions. In this connection, Grand Master TOLMAN W. COTTON created great excitement in Grand Lodge when a paper from him was read agreeing to pay to the Endowment Fund of the Home \$1,000, in such installments and at such times as are convenient to him, any balance remaining in the event of his death to be a charge against his estate. Accompanying it was a check for \$500. The members of Grand Lodge rose to their feet and gave him hearty cheers.

His official address is an able document, among the first features of which we notice a suggestion to committees of investigation appointed by Lodges on petitions for the degrees to increase the efficiency of their reports, and for the guidance of young members assigned to that duty:

“ 1. Has the applicant resided in Missouri twelve months and in the jurisdiction of the Lodge six months? Is he mentally and physically qualified and of proper age?

“ 2. Is he strictly honest and truthful?

“ 3. Is he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors?

“ 4. Does he gamble?

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- “ 5. What is the character of his company and associates ?
- “ 6. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language ?
- “ 7. Has he licentious or immoral habits ?
- “ 8. Is he a law-abiding citizen ?
- “ 9. Do you consider him suitable material for ‘A Beautiful System of Morals ’ ? ”

June 24, 1915, in the presence of about 12,000 Missourians from all parts of the State, Grand Lodge officers laid the “ two-ton corner stone of the new three-and-a-half million dollar State Capitol ” at Jefferson City.

One of the Grand Master's decisions was in answer to the question: Is a Masonic Lodge precluded from extending a courtesy to a Roman Catholic, such as thanking him for a favor? It is an illustration of some of the idle and silly questions with which the time and attention of many Grand Masters are taxed. He answered that while a Lodge should not participate in matters religious or political, nor take any action favoring or antagonizing religious or political moves, “ Freemasonry knows no Democrats, Methodists, Prohibitionists or Catholics, but deals with the whole human species as one family.” This was diplomatic so far as escaping a discussion of the direct question; but he might have added that Freemasonry encourages common politeness and the use of “ thank you ” wherever and whenever deserved.

Other decisions indicate that men engaged in the liquor business in Missouri have no abiding place in Masonry; they are hunted down and expelled as fast as the facts are shown to warrant it under the law of the Jurisdiction. For example, a member of a Lodge entered a plea of guilty in the courts to a charge of gambling and “ boot-legging ” liquor. His Lodge failed to expel him; but the Grand Lodge took it up and made short work of him.

In the customary presentation of a Past Grand Master's

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jewel to Brother COTTON, Grand Lodge gave applause to the tribute: "We recognize in the administration of Past Grand Master COTTON as having been one of the most successful, most popular and altogether one of the most pleasant and fruitful of achievements in the history of the Grand Lodge." A rather high standard for his successor to live up to.

That there are other talented men in this Grand Lodge is evidenced by the excellent Correspondence Report of Past Grand Master CHARLES C. WOOD. His outlook comprehends a wide survey of the Masonic Field. Pennsylvania (1914) is among his reviews. In the photo of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS he saw "real fitness for the high position which he occupies" and complimented him for his official address. Referring to Pennsylvania's claim to "perpetual jurisdiction" he says:

"We bow respectfully to the laws and usages of Pennsylvania so far as their own jurisdiction is concerned, but any one from that jurisdiction coming to Missouri, after a legal residence of one year, may lawfully apply for admission to the mysteries of Freemasonry, and if found worthy, receive the degrees. And so with reference to any other jurisdiction. Like many of the Grand Lodges, we repudiate the dogma of Perpetual Jurisdiction, and govern ourselves accordingly."

To which we can only reply: Oh, very well! This may be considered flippant, but with such a definite understanding to disagree, what more is there to say?

His table of statistics shows total number of Masons in the United States, 1,688,586; in the Jurisdictions of foreign countries, 161,117, with returns from Tasmania, England, Ireland and Scotland omitted.

FRANK R. JESSE,	St. Louis,	Grand Master.
JOHN R. PARSON,	St. Louis,	Grand Secretary.

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MONTANA—1915.

Lodges, 104. Membership, 8,981. Gain, 753.

FIFTY-FIRST Annual Communication, September 15, 1915, at Great Falls.

The address of Grand Master LEWIS A. SMITH is concerned mainly with matters of "internal economy" of the Jurisdiction and deals with them in an able and efficient manner. His picture conveys the impression of strong mentality and energetic character.

After consulting Grand Lodge officers he sent \$1,000 to the War Relief Association, and then appealed to the Lodges to replace the amount in the Grand Lodge treasury. He was informed that it was the first cash contribution to the fund from any Grand Lodge. His address states that to that time the Lodges had sent in \$787.50.

At his suggestion \$100 was appropriated for membership in the Washington Memorial Association.

Among his recommendations was one to prohibit smoking in the Lodges during the conferring of degrees. This was adopted by resolution of Grand Lodge. It did not concur, however, in the following:

"SALOONS IN MASONIC TEMPLES.

"There is considerable feeling throughout the United States, in Masonic circles, against Masonic Lodges being held in buildings where liquor saloons are being conducted, and many Grand Jurisdictions are legislating against this. From Chicago comes to us a photograph of the sign of a saloon-keeper of that city located in the Masonic Temple, which consists of the following:

' MASONIC TEMPLE
BUFFET
BROOK HILL WHISKIES.'

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“ While it is true that the sale of liquor is authorized by law and saloons are recognized as lawful institutions, yet it seems to me that they should be widely separated from Masonry, as the influence of the two institutions are widely at variance and I recommend that the Grand Lodge at this communication adopt a resolution or by-law prohibiting our lodges from meeting in any building that is being used in part for saloon purposes.”

No reasons were given for refusing to sustain the Grand Master in the above; perhaps it was too radical and involved too much disturbance of Lodges in changing quarters, etc. We believe, however, that the Grand Master saw the tide of Masonic sentiment rising in this country—that Masonry and the saloon cannot keep company much longer anywhere. It suggests the great change in the Craft from the early days, when the Lodge-room was at or near the tavern and the call “ from labor to refreshment ” meant an hour of convivial enjoyment—and many times worse. The unmistakable trend now is that the Brethren are expected to go to their homes and families at a seasonable hour, and that the Lodge shall entirely cease to be the excuse of the belated husband.

A communication was read from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar calling attention to the fact that “ a great need exists in the matter of proper care of orphans and delinquent girls ” in the State; and appealing to the Grand Lodge, as the more numerous and influential body, to take measures to bring about a remedy of the evil. Grand Lodge by resolution applauded the Grand Commandery for its initiative in the matter and deferred until the next Annual Communication the question of appointing a committee to urge upon the Legislature some adequate measures in the premises. It would seem that 8,981 Masons and voters in the State would be able to make an effective impression upon the law-makers—or would that be mixing in politics?

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Past Grand Master H. S. HEPNER, author of the Correspondence Report, is a notable example of self-abnegation. Against his protest, Grand Lodge increased his compensation for the excellent work he produces. The present report, which includes Pennsylvania (1914) shows a close investigation of the several Grand Lodges and their activities. He is worth the money.

W. H. ALLEN,	Joliet,	Grand Master.
CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR.,	Helena,	Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 267. Membership, 22,305. Gain, 1,183.

FIFTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, June 8, 1915, at Omaha.

As indicated by his official address, Grand Master THOMAS M. DAVIS had a high conception of the value and objects of Masonry. "The making of Masons to-day should be the making of men, God-fearing men, manly men, and honorable men, who will practice the tenets of Masonry as set forth in our Constitutions."

His appeal to the Lodges in behalf of war relief funds met with a remarkably fine response—\$7,797.20 was contributed, to be administered by the War Relief Association, with an expressed desire that 40 per cent. be sent to Belgium, and 40 per cent. to Poland.

At his suggestion Grand Lodge is to consider the adoption of a regulation prohibiting Masons from signing petitions for saloon licenses.

He refused to allow a Lodge to meet temporarily in a hall over a pool room.

He found that many requests were coming to the Lodges from outside of the Jurisdiction for financial aid in erecting

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temples, monuments, business purposes, etc.; that he considered it necessary to issue a cautioning circular in reference thereto. Upon his recommendation Grand Lodge resolved that "no solicitation of Lodges for financial aid shall be carried on by Lodges or Masons, except upon approval, in advance, by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

The report of the Grand Custodian is a paper distinguished for vigorous action and good common sense. About two pages of "observations on the way" contain a mine of practical thought and suggestion for the betterment of the Lodge and the advancement of the interests of the Craft. They are of general concern, and here are a few of them:

"A lack of skill, tact, and ability on the part of those whose duty it is to investigate the character of the petitioner.

"Too much desire on the part of lodges to confer degrees, and too much indifference on the part of the lodges in the negligent manner of their selection of membership.

"Incompetency on the part of the officers to confer the degrees in an accurate and impressive manner.

"The abuse of the right of ballot from captious, sinister, and unworthy motives.

"The interfering with the legitimate work of the lodge in the abuse of the right of objection.

"An endeavor to adjust personal differences in the lodge that are wholly foreign to the design, work, and principles of Masonry.

"A failure on the part of professed Masons to demonstrate in their daily lives the principles of Masonry as illustrated in its teachings, symbols, legends, and traditions.

"A modern fad of rotation of officers, regardless of their merit, fitness, qualifications, and ability.

"An itching desire, and an egotistical ambition to seemingly trample on the pearls of Masonry, to feed on the husks of empty titles, and so-called exalted positions.

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“ There should not be so much of a contrast in the attendance at a feast, and at a funeral.

“ There should not be such pronounced and open exceptions taken to the result of an adverse ballot. Silence and circumspection should be the invariable rule of every brother on all transactions that transpire within the tiled precincts of a lodge. (There are some things that your wife should not know.)”

In addition to the established Masonic Home there is to be erected, at Fremont, a Children's Home. Forty acres of land were purchased, at \$20,000, of which the local Masonic bodies contributed \$10,000, and a beginning made on building, to cost \$11,500.

Correspondence report is from Brother CHARLES J. PHELPS. Pennsylvania is among the “missing.”

SAMUEL S. WHITING,	Lincoln,	Grand Master.
FRANCIS E. WHITE,	Omaha,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 270. Membership, 23,664. Gain, 1,359.

FIFTY-NINTH Annual Communication, June 6, 1916, at Omaha.

Grand Master SAMUEL S. WHITING declared that it had been the happiest year of his life; that in his endeavor to serve his Brethren, where his business had interfered with Masonic affairs he had neglected his business. The only other man we ever heard say that is the golfer, as it is a common saying in that pastime: “If business interferes with golf, drop business”!

He was pretty busy with visitations, dispensations, cornerstones, decisions, etc. His last message to his Brethren was for “a pleasant smile, a kind word, a helping hand—a life of intelligent and unselfish service.” His is the right kind of Masonic culture.

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His decision that a candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees—although approved by the Jurisprudence Committee—was reversed by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported that in addition to 62 residents cared for at the Masonic Home, Grand Lodge was helping 35 people, members of Lodges, widows and orphans, at a cost of \$1,889.78. The per capita cost per month at the Home for 1915 was \$26.60.

After including the "Acacia Fraternity," associations of Masons in colleges, among the exemptions, Grand Lodge adopted the following:

"Whereas, divers and sundry societies and organizations are seeking to establish themselves in Nebraska and build on Masonry as their foundation stone; and

"Whereas, it is the duty of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, to care for the welfare of the members of its several lodges, and protect them from the organizations that have no relation to Masonry, and yet seek to attach themselves thereto:

"Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in the exercise of its sovereign rights and powers, declares that it is unlawful for any Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction to make application to or join any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; *providing* that this inhibition shall not apply to York and Scottish Rite Bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, or to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

There is no doubt that sentiment along the lines indicated in the above is developing among leaders in Masonry (we

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have referred to it in our notice of Michigan); but if the movement is to be promoted generally, what a merry war is in store for us! We can conceive of all sorts of rebellion in defense of individual freedom to associate with organizations, every one of which will claim that it exists for a noble and laudable purpose and not in contravention of the aims and interests of Masonry, but supplementary to them. And then consider the probable mix-up—if any of them are to be saved from anathema—in discriminating and selecting the favorites! Take, for instance, this action of Nebraska. We judge from the record it was sprung upon the Grand Lodge without previous notice. When the Masons in Nebraska who are members of the proscribed orders catch their breath, after discovering that their particular organization is excommunicated and that the Shrine and the Eastern Star transcend it in dignity and importance—in the eyes of Grand Lodge—the scene in Grand Lodge may make a Donnybrook fair look like a Quaker meeting, in comparison. The situation is amusing; it “won’t stay put.”

Incidentally, the committee that drafted the above resolution was not fortunate in the wording of part of it. Of course it was intended to endorse and exempt the Order of Knights Templar under the term “York Bodies”; but the average Mason does not comprehend the meaning of “York Bodies” or “York Rite.” Indeed there is controversy among Masonic savants whether Templary, as we know it, may be properly classed under the York Rite. At any rate, it would have been better to name the particular organizations “within the pale,” so that “he who runs may read.”

Correspondence Report is by Past Grand Master JOHN A. EHRHARDT—his first (we sympathize with him)—and is very acceptable. Pennsylvania (1915) is included in his reviews.

ANDREW H. VIELE,

Norfolk,

Grand Master.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

Omaha,

Grand Secretary.

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NEVADA—1915.

Lodges, 23. Membership, 1,975. Gain, 36.

FIFTY-FIRST Annual Communication, June 8, 1915, at Reno.

Grand Master THEODORE J. STEINMETZ's address gave an interesting bit of history and the evolution of the Grand Lodge:

“The standard work is giving more or less trouble. The officers of the Lodges need coaching, and there is no one at hand to do the coaching. The men who first came to our State came through the discovery of gold and silver. They were from all parts of the world, and among them were many Masons. It was but natural for these Masons to organize a Masonic club, to render assistance in case of sickness, as well as to meet socially, for Masons love mutual converse and friendly intercourse. The requisites for membership in this club were that each petitioner must be a contributing member of some Lodge and be able to prove himself a Mason. Regular dues were paid to meet current expenses, and the wondrous deeds of mercy and love of these early-day Brethren would fill a volume. From this association sprang our first Lodges. Their officers were selected from those who had proven themselves most proficient in Masonic work, perhaps each from a different jurisdiction, with wording of his own. While Freemasonry is the same throughout the world, there is some degree of variance in the lectures and in the rendering of the ritual, and unless kept uniform, years will widen this variance. With an aim to uniformity, the Grand Lodge of Nevada in 1908 called for an uniform work, which was accepted in 1909. The dissemination of the standard work is the difficulty today. No noteworthy progress can be marked until this means is supplied.”

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At the suggestion of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge provided for the appointment of a Master of Instruction and a plan for instructing the Lodges in the approved, uniform work.

He reported the sum of \$285.50 contributed by the Lodges to the War Relief fund.

The following pertinent remarks may well be considered in every Jurisdiction in the interest of solemnity and dignity in conducting degree work:

“ My attention has been called to the practice in a few lodges of bantering or frightening candidates in the preparation room. Brethren, the degrees of Masonry are solemn, sacred, sublime. ‘ Know ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you,’ is one of Masonry’s messages and in symbolical language through the degrees this lesson is conveyed until in the sublime third degree the spiritual temple, that all Craftsmen are taught to strive to erect in their hearts, is shown nearing completion. I beg to recommend that this thought of sacredness dwell with the Stewards and with all Masons, then levity and joking will be banished from the Lodge during work hours.”

An effort to create a Masonic Home fund by a per capita tax of twenty-five cents was voted down by Grand Lodge.

Another field of endeavor—in which Nevada appears to be the pioneer—viz., an Educational Loan fund, created by voluntary subscriptions from the Lodges, appears to be making progress. The plan is to make loans to young men and women ambitious to secure an education. The fund is not very large as yet; but it is expected to grow as interest in the scheme increases among the Fraternity.

Brother EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary and “ Grand Commissioner of Review,” is responsible for the Correspondence Report. Its introduction is instructive and

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the conclusion optimistic of American Masonry. "A marvelous increase in membership is again recorded, and on this continent, from Jurisdiction to Jurisdiction, the chimes of peace and plenty, from harmony to harmony, are rung." Pennsylvania (1913) has fraternal notice, with approving words for Grand Masters GORGAS and WILLIAMS.

BENJ. W. COLEMAN, Carson City, Grand Master.

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1914-1915.

Lodges, 39. Membership, 3,539. Gain, 212.

FORTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, August 25, 1914, at Fredericton.

The Grand Chaplain delivered a sermon before Grand Lodge on the strength and beauty of Solomon's Temple, drawing appropriate lessons therefrom.

The official address of Grand Master FREDERICK JOHN GILMOUR KNOWLTON is a brief account of the affairs of the Jurisdiction, which are of no special interest to relate to our readers. Grand Lodge credited the "healthy state of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction to the enthusiastic manner in which he (the Grand Master) discharged his duties."

Grand Lodge voted \$500 to the fund being raised by the Masons of England for organizing field hospitals.

Committee on Foreign Relations reported on the matter of recognizing a Grand Lodge in France. It mentioned the objections to the Grand Orient of France for prohibiting the use of the Bible in its Lodges and its refusal to work in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe; and also to the Grand Lodge of France, that it did not require a belief in Deity as an essential condition of membership. It then goes on to say:

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“ Since the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, a new Grand Body has been organized in France, ignoring both Grand Lodge and Grand Orient, and claiming to be a revival of traditional Freemasonry. It is called the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies. Its lodges are opened and closed to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe; the Volume of the Sacred Law lies open on the pedestal of the Worshipful Master; no political or religious discussion is permitted; only the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason are recognized. The new body claims our recognition as the only regular Masonic Grand Body in France; and has been so recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This claim is commended to the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge.”

Recognition of the new grand body was deferred, however, until a future time.

Lodges, 40. Membership, 3,685. Gain, 149.

FORTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, April 6, 1915, at Saint John.

The address of Grand Master HEDLEY V. B. BRIDGES was the report of a quiet, but successful administration; sixteen dispensations were issued “ to confer degrees at short intervals ” on applicants about to embark for the war. He made the statement that about 5,000 of the first Canadian Contingent were Masons, and probably as large a number in the second. It was mentioned to show the loyalty of Canadian Masons to their country. The Grand Master was accorded a vote of appreciation for his faithful services.

Two members of a committee on Foreign Relations reported in favor of recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, but a third member declined to acquiesce, mainly because the Grand Lodge of Scotland had withheld its recognition; therefore the matter was deferred. No doubt

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by this time they have learned that Scotland has given the desired recognition and will act accordingly.

HEDLEY V. B. BRIDGES,	Fredericton,	Grand Master.
J. TWINING HARTT,	St. John,	Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1915-1916.

Lodges, 80. Membership, 10,910. Gain, 128.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, May 19, 1915, at Concord.

The sentiment of patriotism was given a place in the official address of Grand Master STEPHEN S. JEWETT in the following:

“ Let us, as men and Masons, rejoice that we are citizens of that portion of the habitable globe that produces men who will stand by the constitution and law of their land and never fail in their devotion in its hour of need.

“ God grant that we may not be called upon to engage in conflict, but if our liberties are to be transgressed I believe that those who are in the forefront of the line in defense of truth, justice and rational liberty will be men of our order, who have had instilled into their minds that the highest duty that man should perform is the defense of his country and his home.”

For the most part the Grand Master's account of official doings related only to matters of interest to the Jurisdiction. He was thanked by Grand Lodge for his able and successful administration of its affairs.

His efforts in behalf of the War Relief Association fund netted the gratifying total of \$1,293.74. It was contributed by Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and individuals of the various bodies.

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Grand Lodge granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Report on Masonic Home is relegated to the last pages of Proceedings and therefore likely to escape notice. "The institution is in a flourishing and prosperous condition and is doing a grand work for the needy and unfortunate." It is at Manchester; land, building and furnishings have cost about \$28,000. It is caring for fifteen people (Dec. 30, 1914).

Correspondence Report is by Grand Secretary HARRY M. CHENEY—probably the best known man in Masonic circles in New Hampshire. Like everything he does, it is well done. His enthusiasm for Freemasonry and his discernment of its value finds this expression:

"The vital thing which Freemasonry does to a worthwhile man is to give him opportunities. It confers no powers, creates no caste, ennobles no life, save only as service and sacrifice does these things. This is the excuse for the existence of our fraternity. This is the mainspring of our institution. This is why men, good and true, cast their lot with us.

"You cannot read what I have read in the last twelve months without believing that Freemasonry is performing its mission.

"Isn't it glorious to be a part of it?"

Apparently he believes the thought above finds expression in Pennsylvania, for in reviewing us (1914) he has this to say about our "service and sacrifice":

"Many pages are used to exhibit the several funds, involving millions. It is amazing, but wonderful, establishing the fact that they back their professions with their dollars."

STEPHEN S. JEWETT,

Laconia,

Grand Master.

HARRY M. CHENEY,

Concord,

Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 80. Membership, 11,058. Gain, 148.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, May 17, 1916, at Concord.

Grand Master STEPHEN S. JEWETT reported to Grand Lodge that "the year that has passed has been one of unwonted prosperity to the Masonic Fraternity." "Preparedness" being at the time a prominent topic of public discussion, he gave expression to this patriotic sentiment:

"Our fraternity, today, stands as a bulwark of defense for law, order and the upholding of our flag and our national honor. The principles of liberty, loyalty and humanity are cardinal principles of our order, and were upheld on many fields of battle by distinguished members of it. It is our duty, therefore, as Masons, to stand for all that the American flag represents, and never fail in our devotion to it. We are for peace, and God grant that we may not be called upon to engage in war, but we are for peace with honor, and if we cannot have peace with honor, then I believe it to be the duty of every American citizen to do his full part and take his place in the ranks of the defenders of the flag."

The Grand Master was commended for the manner in which he performed his official duties, and it was said: "He is a wise and accomplished Freemason."

In Brother CHENEY's Correspondence Report Pennsylvania (1915) looms big for its financial affairs and the "wonderful things" we are doing in "Freemasonry's sweet mission"—charity. He cannot, however, assent to the decision that guests at the Masonic Home may not become members of the Eastern Star. He says: "We thoughtfully refrain from using the word (wonder what it is) which we want to use in expressing our dissent. It is a gag which we do not like to see forcibly applied." We thought it was pretty well known that the Eastern Star has no standing with Masonry

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in Pennsylvania; we try to save one of the Landmarks from being bent, as well as broken.

GEORGE E. BALES,	Wilton,	Grand Master.
HARRY M. CHENEY,	Concord,	Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—1915-1916.

Lodges, 194. Membership, 40,569. Gain, 1,895.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, April 21, 1915, at Trenton.

Among the distinguished visitors was Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Pennsylvania, who was accorded due honors and who made an appropriate and happy address which was received by Grand Lodge with generous applause.

In his official address, referring to the excellent condition of the Craft in the Jurisdiction, Grand Master CHARLES P. RUSS said it was largely due to "financial improvement, a stricter adherence to the ritual and the preservation of harmony."

A page of Proceedings is given to a half-tone of the "oldest Masonic Temple north of the Mason and Dixon Line," a building associated with the early history of Trenton. It was purchased, moved to a more desirable site and fitted up, at a cost of \$12,000, secured by contributions from Lodges and members of the Fraternity. A resolution of Grand Lodge accepting the property tells the story:

"WHEREAS, The Masonic Historical Association has purchased the Old Masonic Temple, formerly located on East Front street, Trenton, New Jersey, has had it removed to the new State and City Park, and located opposite the old Revolutionary Barracks at the entrance thereto, and has caused the same to be repaired and refitted; and

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“ WHEREAS, This Temple was the first Masonic building in this section of the State, having been erected in 1793, was the building in which the first public school of the State of New Jersey was held under the public school system of the State, and was likewise used by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for many years as the place of holding the meetings of the Grand Lodge; and

“ WHEREAS, The Association desires to make a gift of this Temple to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to be used as a Masonic repository and museum;

“ *Therefore resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge accept from the Masonic Historical Association, the donor, a conveyance of this old Masonic Temple and the property upon which it is located, and assume the maintenance of the same as a Masonic repository and museum for the use and benefit of the Masonic Fraternity.”

Report on Masonic Home showed the “family” to consist of 69 adults and 18 children; gross cost of maintenance, \$25,547.08, a per capita of 76.1 cents per day, as compared with 87.5 cents the previous year. It is proposed to build an addition to the Home and also an infirmary, as recommended by Grand Master Russ.

It is interesting to note the careful scrutiny hereafter to be made of applicants for the degrees in New Jersey. Grand Lodge adopted a form of report for investigating committees containing the following:

- “ 1. Names of parents.
- “ 2. Names of brothers and sisters.
- “ 3. Where has he resided during the past ten years?
(If more than one place, give places and periods of residence.)
- “ 4. Does he appear to possess sufficient intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of our Order?
- “ 5. What are the names and addresses of all his em-

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ployers for the past two years, and the periods and nature of his several employments?

“ 6. Is he married or single?

“ 7. If married, is he living with his wife?

“ 8. If not living with his wife, state the reasons for separation.

“ 9. Has he any children? If so, how many?

“ 10. What provision has he made for himself or his family in case of his disability or death?

“ 11. Does he contribute to the immediate necessities of those who want, and is it his purpose to practice charity so far as his circumstances will permit?

“ 12. Has he ever been convicted of a crime?

“ 13. Is he physically qualified to become a member of the order?

“ 14. What three responsible persons, Masons preferred, have known him the most intimately, and for the longest time? ”

These are followed by information from the references given in questions 5 and 14, and the committee's estimate of the applicant's life, conduct, morals and general reputation and standing in the community. This line of investigation seems to be quite comprehensive and should conduce to a substantial increase in quality of membership. It was not adopted without debate and differences of opinion. That it was adopted indicates that New Jersey is alive to the moral tone of those who seek the advantages of Masonry. We rather like it.

In a Correspondence Report of superior quality Brother ROBERT A. SHIRREFS includes Pennsylvania (1913) and presents excerpts from the inaugural address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS, which, he says, suggests “modest abnegation of exaltation and power”—“considering the sanctions of the installation charge to Pennsylvania Grand Mas-

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ters.” We assure our good New Jersey Brother that all our Grand Masters are just like that; though they are invested with great power, they know that he rules best who serves best.

Brother SHIRREFS expresses a deep sense of sorrow and personal loss at the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, and speaks in the highest terms of his genialty and his ability and worth as a man and a Mason.

EDWARD M. SEARING,	Trenton,	Grand Master.
THEODORE B. TOWNLEY,	Trenton,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 196. Membership, 42,257. Gain, 1,688.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH Annual Communication, April 19, 1916, at Trenton.

Among the distinguished visitors was Right Worshipful Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who made an address to Grand Lodge “in a pleasing and eloquent manner.”

It will go down to history, as reported by Grand Master EDWARD M. SEARING, that he participated in the first trans-continental telephone Masonic conversation; he and the Grand Master of California exchanged greetings over the wire February 16, 1916.

The restoration of the old Masonic Temple at Trenton—the Landmark heretofore mentioned—having been completed, a notable incident of this meeting was the delivery of the property to Grand Lodge, which was done in a very interesting address by Brother WILBUR F. SADLER, JR. It was discovered that the old Master’s niche had been concealed beneath the plaster, and under five layers of wall paper on the ceiling the sunburst, stars and moon were found. Grand Lodge officers and a few of the Brethren (there was not room for all) proceeded to the old building, where further ceremonies were conducted, and Brother SADLER again entertained them on Revolutionary history touching the campaigns of

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General GEORGE WASHINGTON at and near Trenton, "where the tide of liberty turned." The building is to be used for a Masonic museum, and it is conditioned that no relics of a later date than the year 1800 be placed therein.

Another interesting incident was the presentation to the newly installed Grand Master of a gavel made from white holly, taken from the tree brought over from England by GEORGE WASHINGTON's father, and planted in front of the house in which GEORGE was born.

The three degrees and the ceremony of opening and closing a Lodge were exemplified before Grand Lodge.

In his review of Pennsylvania (1914) Brother SHIRREFS comments upon the edicts of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS affecting those who had been admitted to Masonry in violation of law. To see ourselves as others see us—at least one of them—we excerpt this:

"Pennsylvania is now the only Masonic jurisdiction in the world whose Grand Masters, for the time being, hold that a Mason can be unmade by edict, or deprived of Masonic privileges without trial. Everywhere else it is assumed that the Masonic covenants entered into in good faith are immutable. Violation of them may after due trial, and always an opportunity to be heard in self-defense, work the penalty of exclusion from or the suspension of the Masonic privileges; a penalty, be it noted, that does not affect possession of the Masonic character in the slightest, so far as the victim is concerned, it only isolates him from Masonic communication with his brethren."

Brother SHIRREFS did not neglect to present Grand Master WILLIAMS' view of the subject, which to our Grand Lodge has been found sufficient.

WILLIAM R. MEAKLE,	Trenton,	Grand Master.
THEO. B. TOWNLEY,	Trenton,	Grand Secretary.

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NEW MEXICO—1914-1915.

Lodges, 47. Membership, 3,564. Gain, 203.

THIRTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, October 19, 1914, at Albuquerque, Grand Master NATHAN JAFFA presiding. We find nothing in the Proceedings to interest our readers.

THIRTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, October 11, 1915, at same place.

The official doings of Grand Master RALEIGH F. HARE were of routine nature and were approved by Grand Lodge which complimented him upon the success of his administration. He reported contributions by the Lodges to the War Relief Association amounting to \$1,161.95—an excellent showing. He congratulated Grand Lodge upon its flourishing condition.

Grand Lodge voted to take a \$100 membership in the Washington Memorial Association and go on the "Charter Roll of Honor."

Grand Lodge appeared to have "an elephant on its hands" in the property at Taos, which was the home of KIT CARSON, the noted scout and hero of American youth, and who was a respected member of the Masonic Fraternity. Besides the sentiment involved, it appears to have been acquired with the vague idea of sometime developing it into a Masonic Home; but it was determined that the location and surroundings did not warrant such a move. It further appears that the Lodge at Taos agreed to keep it in repair and use it as a Masonic museum and memorial of Brother KIT CARSON. But it was neglected by everybody, became dilapidated, and the problem was, what to do with it. It was finally agreed to turn the property over to the local Lodge on condition that it would provide the necessary funds to restore it and keep it in repair; and that, if necessary, the Grand Lodge would loan to the Lodge \$600 for that purpose.

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On account of ill health, and after serving ten years, Brother JAMES A. WROTH retired from the Committee on Correspondence, and his bright, snappy reports are to be read no more. "Another Richmond is in the field" in the person of Brother JOHN MILNE. He is a strong advocate of schools of instruction, the sacred right of the black ball; and a closer study of the constitutions, to the end that more deliberate action be observed in the proposal of unnecessary amendments. Guess everybody will agree with him.

AMOS W. POLLARD,	Deming,	Grand Master.
ALPHEUS A. KEEN,	Albuquerque,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 255. Membership, 20,477. Gain, 1,749.

PROCEEDINGS covers Quarterly Communications of September 10, 1913, December 10, 1913, March 11, 1914, and June 10, 1914, and Special Communication of July 29, 1913, and June 24, 1914, all at Sydney.

The address of Grand Master DR. CHARLES U. CARRUTHERS is a learned paper on the evolution of Freemasonry, showing deep research into ancient history and the ancient mysteries. We commend it to the Masonic student for its close historical investigation. Incidentally, he refers to a recent "venomous attack" upon the Freemasons from the pulpit of a certain "venerable and esteemed Archiepiscopal sacerdotalist," which he discusses in a humorous vein and sums up with the following:

"But in the magnitude of our success we will be magnanimous.

"We stretch out the right hand of fellowship to every sect and calling: we teach kindness, brotherly love and charity

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to all men, the golden rule of doing to others as we would be done by, self-denial, universal benevolence and the cardinal virtues. Our circle is large enough and wide enough for all humanity.

“ ‘ In its language citizens of every nation may converse;
At its altar men of all religions may kneel;
To its creed disciples of every faith may subscribe.’ ”

His successor, Grand Master WILLIAM THOMPSON, is a man of equally broad views; and from his official address we excerpt the following:

“ Masonry is not a religion, but the Eternal Truth. The great Light of Masonry is the tenet that stands in bold relief above all other doctrines, and teaches man to look for support in every emergency, and guidance in every difficulty, to an All-wise Providence. Given a belief in God, and in Life Eternal after death, men of every creed, the Christian of every sect, the devout Hebrew and the rigid Mahometan can, and do, all meet upon the one common level of a common brotherhood.”

This Grand Lodge appears to be in a most flourishing condition. It has a Grand Lodge Fund of about \$118,000, Benevolent Fund of about \$135,000, Orphans' Society Fund of about \$170,000, and Benevolent Institution Fund of about \$100,000. For a Grand Lodge only twenty-five years old it is quite remarkable. Among the donations was 25 guineas to the Salvation Army.

Correspondence Report is the joint product of Brother S. SCOTT-YOUNG, Chairman, and four associates. From a perusal of Pennsylvania's Proceedings for 1913, Brother SCOTT-YOUNG concludes that we are “the richest Masonic Body in the world,” and that it involved a “business of great magnitude.” Referring to our Masonic Home, he looks for-

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ward, "as did the Queen of Sheba to Solomon's Temple, to pay a visit to this great effort of our Brethren of Pennsylvania." It is to be hoped that he has, or may gratify his desire and be registered with the host of distinguished Masons from all parts of the world who have honored us by a visit and who have departed saying, "the half was not told us." He may be assured of a true Masonic welcome.

WILLIAM THOMPSON,	Sydney,	Grand Master.
ARTHUR H. BRAY,	Sydney,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 260. Membership, 21,502. Gain, 1,624.

At the Quarterly Communication of December 9, 1914, Grand Master WILLIAM THOMPSON reported contributions by the Lodges to the Patriotic Fund amounting to about \$10,000 to that date. At this and subsequent Quarterlies his addresses were devoted to official duties which are of no interest to our readers.

At a Special Communication held June 24, 1915, Brother THOMPSON having been re-elected Grand Master, he was "proclaimed as such by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the East, the West and the South." He delivered an appropriate address, in which he said, in part:

"Let us, therefore, on this great festival day of St. John pledge our faith anew in Freemasonry, that Heavenly inspired great system of morality, which embraces within its ranks good men and true of every sect, every class, and every creed, and whatever dissensions may arise in the affairs of men, let us rejoice that there is at least one portal through which the foul spirit of discord may never gain an entrance. May this divine spirit of peace, love, and harmony rest upon every Lodge, and may its doors ever be close tyled against strife, recrimination and dissension!"

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He congratulated Grand Lodge upon its prosperity, and stated that it then possessed a building and furniture, in Sydney, worth at least \$325,000, which cost but \$210,000, and which will give ample accommodations for 80 or 90 Lodges. He referred to the members of Lodges who had gone to the war—about 600—many of whom had been killed and others wounded and perhaps incapacitated for life; and urged that special efforts should be made for their relief, as well as their sorrowing dependents.

In an excellent Correspondence Report we find a good account of Pennsylvania (1914) by Worshipful Brother WILLIAM EPPS.

WILLIAM THOMPSON,	Sydney,	Grand Master.
ARTHUR H. BRAY,	Sydney,	Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1915-1916.

Lodges, 837. Membership, 192,463. Gain, 6,284.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, May 4, 1915, at New York.

This voluminous Proceedings is replete with subjects the review or discussion of which would be of commanding interest to our possible readers; but our allotted space permits mention of but a few of them.

The official address of Grand Master GEORGE FREIFELD is masterful, reflects a cultured mind, superior executive ability and earnestness and thoroughness in administration. The business and duties of his office were diverse and multitudinous, requiring much work and time; and Grand Lodge declared that his service in their interest was "crowned with abundant success."

He reported gratifying progress of plans to raise funds for the redemption of the New York City Masonic property, which, we infer, will ultimately inure to the benefit of the

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Masonic Home at Utica. This Home, by the way, is one of the most extensive and complete institutions of its kind in the world. It is caring for about 301 adults and 131 children, at an average annual cost per person of \$218. Incidentally, an interesting fact stated in the Grand Master's address is, that the farm at the Home netted a profit of \$7,000 in 1914. The latest addition to the Home is a children's building, donated by the Knights Templar of New York, at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

Referring to the war in Europe, the Grand Master said, *inter alia*:

“We are a World fraternity—‘not bounded by geographical lines or circumscribed by race, creed or time.’ The universality of Masonry has ever been an attractive and an interesting topic. Teaching the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, we touch all men everywhere with sympathetic interest. That the world has but partially accepted belief in and practice of the fraternal relation which should exist between men is painfully apparent by the gigantic and murderous strife engaging the nations of Europe.

“The time is ripe, brethren, to instil into the hearts and minds of men the idea of a brotherhood so deep and strong as not only to prevent the killing of men by other men with arms, but to prevent also the spectator or so-called neutral from supplying the deadly weapons with which the warfare shall be continued. The command, ‘Thou shalt not kill,’ applies equally to him who has the weapon and to him who holds it for such use by another. If Freemasonry is to play an honorable part in the world's theatre of action, let us not shrink from the battle where truth and righteousness cope with error and evil. The world has been led too long by the men and the ideas responsible for this horrible conflict. Let us join with the Church of God and all other forces for good in spreading better, nobler and more exalted ideas.

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“ There is no earthly power strong enough to intervene by forceful or peaceful means to cause the conflict to cease. We look beyond and above the clouds to the Great Architect of the Universe and raise our prayers to Him, the God in whom we put our trust.”

We choose not to discuss his implication in favor of an American embargo against the export of munitions to the warring nations—that may obtain them. It involves questions of international relations, rights and duties which, we fear, even Masons would differ upon, according to their sympathies, prejudices and views of the conflict and international law. This, too, might be embraced in his thought: “ There is no earthly power strong enough to intervene by forceful or peaceful means to cause the conflict to cease.”

We pass on to his consideration of “ our ability to render succor, especially to non-combatants.” He said: “ It caused anxious thought, for on one hand there was our plain Masonic duty to relieve distress wherever it might appear, and yet on the other hand there was great difficulty in obtaining reliable information as to the existence of actual need; and how and to what extent help might be welcome.” This, in the face of general knowledge of the suffering and distress of the people of Belgium and appeals to send food and clothing for their relief! He refers to the receipt of an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Belgium which was sent, “ as per request contained in it, to other Jurisdictions, through the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States and it was by them responded to.” At the same time, he gave special mention of the German Lodges of New York City that collected a widows’ and orphans’ fund from among their own members, amounting to about \$20,000, “ which was sent abroad.” Then he continues:

“ In the matter of collecting funds for those abroad two considerations, among many, presented themselves: First,

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our appeal when made must be a general one; that is, it must be made in behalf of *all* the nationalities engaged in the war with whom we have fraternal relations. As Masons we know no race and recognize no national boundary lines. We are a brotherhood. Second, we should render help when the season of distress is greatest and then largely and adequately. It was evident from the letters received that such a point had not been reached in the warring countries up to a month ago.

“Therefore, after mature deliberation, the Grand Master declined to take office in the War Relief Association already referred to, although our relations with it are cordial, feeling that that movement was premature and that the brethren in this jurisdiction would, as heretofore, prefer to collect and disburse their own funds.”

Finally, at his request, the entire matter was by Grand Lodge “committed to his administration to be dealt with as the need and circumstances seem to require.”

We have directed attention to the above, not so much in criticism of Grand Master FREIFELD, but rather to refer to the attitude towards the Masonic War Relief Association and its activities. The Grand Lodge of New York is not alone in declining to co-operate with the Association, “feeling that that movement was premature,” and preferring “to collect and distribute their own funds,” notwithstanding that they were all, at its inception, invited to participate in its organization and administration.

The Grand Master lauded the project of the Washington Memorial Association and at his request Grand Lodge referred to his discretion whether they should be represented in the undertaking.

Past Grand Master WILLIAM SHERER presented a Correspondence Report covering a wide range of Masonic intelligence—indeed, comprehending pretty much the entire

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Masonic world. Pennsylvania (1914) is included and Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS' "excellent address" freely quoted.

GEORGE FREIFELD,	Brooklyn,	Grand Master.
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	New York,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 852. Membership, 197,423. Gain, 4,960.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, May 2, 1916, at New York City.

Among the visitors was our Grand Master LOUIS A. WATRES, who addressed the Grand Lodge, his remarks being published in full in the Proceedings. He was accompanied by several Pennsylvania Brethren, among them District Deputy Grand Master THOMAS F. WELLS, who also made appropriate remarks. Another distinguished visitor was Brother LEONARD WOOD, General of the U. S. Army, who, in his address, drifted easily from Masonry into "preparedness for peace."

The official address of Grand Master FREIFELD reflects the high order of ability that characterizes all his activities, in Masonry and out of it. He reported the Redemption Fund grown to \$703,635.55, the subscriptions from 756 Lodges, and indulged the hope that the entire amount would be obtained without the necessity of an assessment.

He again referred to the war in Europe, and while warning our great Brotherhood against exploitation of the war spirit, said: "Preparedness for defense and against aggression is consonant with reason, and this, pursued within properly limited lines and for the purposes named, accords with the dictates of wise statesmanship." He also included this eloquent tribute to the host of Good Samaritans:

"All honor to the thousands of men and women who have given of their substance to alleviate the sufferings visited upon innocent and participant by this war. The glory shifts from

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the gory warrior to the man or woman who with kindly ministration resuscitates the victim of the warrior's sword."

Report for the Utica Masonic Home, dated March 31, 1916, showed the membership consisted of 173 men, 125 women, 72 boys and 61 girls, a total of 431.

A report of interest came from the Masonic Employment Bureau. The year's operating expenses were \$4,395.55; positions were secured for 416 applicants, in more than twenty different occupations.

The Grand Lodge is preparing to celebrate, in 1917, the two hundredth year of the first Grand Lodge of England. An important feature of the occasion will be the publication of a paper by Right Worshipful Brother OSSIAN LANG, on the history and origin of Freemasonry, the first part of which is contained in the Proceedings before us. It is a work of great depth of research and learning, involving technical detail, and will be of great value, not only to the antiquarian, but to all who seek after the history of the Fraternity. We make note of it that our readers who are interested may endeavor to secure it.

Correspondence Report by Brother SHERER and others includes a notice of Pennsylvania (1915) in which it is said: "We cannot suppress a tinge of envy in looking over the figures of this Grand Lodge, with all its funds and bequests running into the millions."

THOMAS PENNEY,	Buffalo,	Grand Master.
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	New York,	Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND—1915.

Lodges, 198. Membership, 13,435. Gain, 280.

TWENTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, May 12, 1915, at Wellington.

Grand Master JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL congratulated the

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Grand Lodge upon its Twenty-fifth Anniversary and for its gratifying progress, financially as well as in numbers, notwithstanding the stress and strain of the nine or ten preceding months of war. His official address was devoted principally to the history of the Grand Lodge from the time of its inception.

The financial statement shows a balance in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of about \$122,000; in the Fund of Benevolence, about \$19,000; and total in all funds of \$176,870. The reports of Boards administering the various charitable funds were interesting for the systematic and intelligent application of Masonic charity. After the beginning of the war in Europe a special fund was organized for exclusive use in providing for the needs of Masons who might return from the war wounded, sick, or otherwise unfitted for the battle of life, and in assisting the dependents of Masons whose names might be recorded on the "Roll of Honor" and having died in the service of the Empire. The first year the Lodges contributed to this fund about \$4,500; and at this meeting of Grand Lodge the Grand Master aroused much enthusiasm by the statement that he expected to raise the fund to \$50,000, as he felt that, on account of the large proportion of their Brethren going to the front, every dollar of it would be needed. He made an appeal then and there to the members of Grand Lodge, and they responded to the amount of \$5,000. Grand Lodge also voted \$500 to the Grand Lodge of France for certain war relief work.

The Brethren of Wellington royally entertained the members of the Grand Lodge, in attendance, with picnics, afternoon teas, musical programs, etc., which included their lady friends as well.

A very complete and well prepared Correspondence Report by Right Worshipful Brother SYDNEY CLIFTON BINGHAM is contained in Proceedings. Pennsylvania (1914) is reviewed and the writer cites as among the peculiarities of

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our Jurisdiction “the form of ritual used, which is understood (in Pennsylvania, at least) to have been preserved, unpolluted by innovation, since the advent of Speculative Freemasonry there in the eighteenth century.”

JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL,	Christchurch,	Grand Master.
MALCOLM NICCOL,	Auckland,	Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 404. Membership, 23,969. Gain, 1,090.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, January 19, 1915, at Raleigh.

In the address of Grand Master JOHN T. ALDERMAN it is reported that “everywhere there is new life in the Lodges.” Referring to a growing demand to know more of the history and philosophy of Masonic lore, as well as to become more efficient in the esoteric workings, he cited the practice of one of the Lodges in the following:

“I wish most earnestly to endorse the custom of St. John’s Lodge, No. 1, of Wilmington; when a candidate is made a Master Mason the Lodge presents to him a good textbook on Masonry, Mackey’s Lodge Manual, as a closing part of the ceremony. I commend this practice to the Lodges throughout the State. The young Mason should have in his home some good Masonic literature to occupy his time and attention, thereby giving him a broader information and providing the young and zealous brother the best opportunity for service and attainment in knowledge.”

Grand Secretary reported the revenues for the year, from all sources, \$25,505.07.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum is “full and overflowing”;

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346 children were being cared for and 51 applications on file, many of which would have to wait months before they could be admitted. The receipts for the year were \$51,382.53, of which the State of North Carolina appropriated \$20,000. The disbursements for maintenance and schools were \$41,847.28.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro was opened for the reception of guests January 12, 1914, with appropriate ceremonies. At date of report it had fourteen guests, who were being maintained at a per capita cost of \$11.50 per month.

It appears that in 1909 the Grand Lodge approved a report and resolution which, we infer, outlawed the "Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies." That body, through its chief executive, one M. W. BAYLIAS, of Washington, D. C., brought suit against the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, presumably in an action of libel. The case came to trial at Winston-Salem, November 9, 1914. The presiding Judge dismissed the action on the ground that "plaintiff had failed to show malice in the publication." The case was not appealed to the higher courts. For his professional services in the case, for which he would not accept any fees, Brother A. B. ANDREWS, JR., was, at this meeting, presented with a gold watch and chain by his Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

Correspondence Report by Brother JOHN A. COLLINS is an excellent paper, in which Pennsylvania (1913) is given extended notice, and our Elizabethtown Home is mentioned as the "grandest of its kind in the world, up to the present time." He does not forget the credit due to Masonic North Carolina for its achievement in the field of charity, and makes the following pertinent comments:

"The Mason of today is learning that his first duty is *to give*; to give whole-hearted and unquestioning obedience

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to the tenets of Freemasonry; to give good counsel to the erring, sympathy to the sorrowing, encouragement to the despondent, and substantial aid to the needy, without expectation or hope of reward, except the plaudit, 'well done' of his own conscience.

"This spirit of giving is in evidence everywhere, and only the reporter on Correspondence can fully appreciate its purposes and extent. The vast amount of money expended in this wise by Grand Lodges, constituent Lodges, and individual Masons would seem almost incredible to the ordinary mind.

"Without any feeling of boastfulness or self-praise we feel justified in saying that the Craft of North Carolina, considering its numerical and financial condition, has been no laggard in this work of beneficence, and the plans and results of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as a pioneer in caring for every orphan child that comes to its doors have been recognized and appreciated the world over and copied in its methods of instruction and preparation for future usefulness and self-help of the boys and girls who go out from its sheltering and loving care."

FRANK P. HOBGOOD, JR.,	Greensboro,	Grand Master.
JOHN C. DREWRY,	Raleigh,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 442. Membership, 25,088. Gain, 850.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH Annual Communication, January 18, 1916, at Raleigh.

Grand Lodge opened with a jubilee of resolutions and congratulations over the return of Grand Secretary DREWRY who had been in a Baltimore hospital for a critical operation, and was now back home in restored health. Many manifestations of love and esteem were evinced for the able and faithful officer of twenty-one years' service.

Grand Master HOBGOOD had been absent from Jurisdic-

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tion much of the year and the duties devolved upon Deputy Grand Master A. B. ANDREWS, JR., who reported for the administration of Grand Lodge affairs, which were handled by him with ability and skill.

The reports of officers and committees and the discussion of various matters affecting the Craft in the Jurisdiction show a refreshing enthusiasm on the part of our North Carolina Brethren that augurs well for the future of their Grand Lodge. The Grand Master declared that "every thing goes to show the constant growth of Masonry in North Carolina and its increasing attractiveness to and hold upon the hearts of men."

The Washington Memorial Association met with favor and \$500 was donated to its funds.

In Brother COLLINS' Correspondence Report Pennsylvania (1914) has notice, with fraternal commendation of the "progress and usefulness of this Grand Lodge."

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,	Raleigh,	Grand Master.
JOHN C. DREWRY,	Raleigh,	Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 106. Membership, 9,593. Gain, 463.

TWENTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, June 15, 1915, at Grand Forks.

From the official report of Grand Master FRANK H. SPRAGUE we find that \$100 was forwarded to the Minister from Belgium at Washington for the relief fund of that country; that the Grand Lodge and the Lodges donated \$585 to the War Relief Association; that \$215 was contributed by the Grand and Subordinate Chapters; and \$200 by the Knights Templar. In acknowledging the receipt of these

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moneys the chairman, Past Grand Master WILLIAM B. MELISH replied that they hoped to raise the fund to \$100,000, and it would then have been accomplished if they had the same fraternal co-operation from the other Masonic organizations as from North Dakota. All honor to North Dakota!

Grand Lodge has in General Funds, \$18,991.61; in Relief Funds, \$4,483.35; and Library Funds, \$1,296.24.

As a memorial to one of its distinguished Masons, Grand Lodge has established a State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest. For 1915 the prize—a gold watch—was won by a senior of Fargo College. He repeated the oration before the Grand Lodge and it is published in the Proceedings; the subject is “America’s Opportunity.” The young man “received a tremendous ovation.”

Another interesting feature of the Communication was the dedication of a new Masonic Temple of the local Lodge, in which the Grand Lodge was then meeting. The ritualistic ceremony was carried out by the Grand Master, after which Most Worshipful Brother WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary, delivered a masterly address on “Fundamental Masonry,” its messages and mission and its future service—“so long as men seek fellowship, so long as the cry of the widow and orphan is heard, so long as there are wrongs to right and wounds to heal, just so long will the Fraternity endure.” Brother STOCKWELL is the “wheel horse” of the Masonic organizations in North Dakota, and in whatever duty is assigned to him he always “makes good.”

The application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of France was deferred on account of the unsettled condition of Masonry in Europe, though it was reported that “this Grand Lodge is in substantial conformity with the ancient customs, rules and regulations of the Masonic Fraternity, as we understand them.”

Correspondence Report is by Past Grand Master JAMES W. FOLEY. Pennsylvania (1914) received fraternal atten-

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tion and Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS approvingly quoted.

HARRY LORD,	Cando,	Grand Master.
WALTER L. STOCKWELL,	Fargo,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 109. Membership, 10,055. Gain, 462.

TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, June 20, 1916, at Fargo, presided over by Grand Master HARRY LORD, from whose official address we learn that the "authorized ritual" is printed by authority of Grand Lodge, and sold at \$1.50 per copy to members of the Craft who may want them. Secrecy seems to be getting to be a secondary consideration.

He directed attention to their increasing General Fund "with no definite object in view," and at his suggestion Grand Lodge voted to create a Charity Fund, and started it with \$10,000 from the General Fund. There appears to be a desire to establish a Masonic Home, but nothing is to be done in that direction until "further light" is obtained on the subject.

In making the record of the report of a committee to revise Grand Lodge law on "physical qualifications," Grand Secretary STOCKWELL volunteers:

"The By-Law modified very decidedly the present law, and quite over-turned the worn-out rule of 'physical perfection' so far as it relates to speculative Masonry.

"The discussion upon the proposed By-Law was animated and illuminating. The brethren recognized that the change would be considered by many as radical, yet there was no doubt in the minds of any one that the time had come to break over old traditions and put the emphasis on the higher qualification of heart and soul which makes for manhood rather than hold to a rule, the application of which was for the operative Mason, and for the time when physical strength

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and perfection were important qualifications for the Craftsman."

The committee's report was adopted by a "large majority"; and this is the new law, followed by a statement of the attitude of other Jurisdictions on the subject:

" 'If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount, aided by ordinary artificial means, to an inability to meet the requirements and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation.'

" Your Committee finds that the trend of opinion in the jurisdiction of Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Idaho and Massachusetts is for a liberal construction of the perfect youth qualification."

What's a Landmark, between friends?

Correspondence Report is by Brother WILLIAM E. HOOVER, Past Grand Master. Following his comment on Mississippi, we, too, may say: Why Pennsylvania "is omitted from so admirable a report, deponent sayeth not."

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR,	Fargo,	Grand Master.
WALTER L. STOCKWELL,	Fargo,	Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA—1915.-1916.

Lodges, 74. Membership, 6,765. Gain, 7.

FIFTIETH Annual Communication, June 9, 1915, at Halifax.

This being the "Jubilee" of the Grand Lodge, a number of excellent addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered, all of which contained some reference to the war and

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breathed a spirit of patriotism and devotion to the British Empire. Brother Masons who had gone to the front were referred to with affectionate remembrance and their loyalty as citizens exalted. At the suggestion of Grand Master WILLIAM MEDFORD CHRISTIE, K.C., Grand Lodge voted to appoint a committee to raise funds for the relief of the families of Masons who had enlisted, and appropriated \$2,000 as a nucleus. One thousand dollars was voted to the Patriotic Fund of Canada.

The official address of the Grand Master was declared by Grand Lodge to be "among the best ever presented to this Grand Body." It refers only to matters of interest to the Jurisdiction.

The Freemasons Home at Windsor was reported to be in a flourishing condition, and the nineteen inmates enjoying the comforts that were provided for them by their Brethren; generous donations towards their care and comfort were made by various Lodges and Brethren throughout the year. The year's general expenses were \$4,923.17.

One John Crooks, a member of Buchan St. John Lodge, No. 636, Grand Lodge of Scotland, was declared guilty of violating the chastity of a Master Mason's daughter, and Grand Lodge decreed that he be expelled from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Freemasonry.

Brother THOMAS MOWBRAY is the author of the Correspondence Report—his fifteenth. In his opinion the upheaval caused by the war in Europe has had a very depressing effect upon Freemasonry all over the world. No doubt the statement is true, numerically, in those parts of the world under the government of the warring nations; but at the same time the war has brought into exercise the higher qualities of Masonry, and the examples of charity and pure beneficence are cultivating a spirit of Brotherhood—partisan, some of it may be—that will do much to give a higher level to the future of the institution as an element of human society.

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Pennsylvania (1914) is among the Jurisdictions receiving attention in Brother MOWBRAY's report.

DONALD FISHER FRASER, New Glasgow, Grand Master.
THOMAS MOWBRAY, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 76. Membership, 6,855. Gain, 90.

FIFTY-FIRST Annual Communication, June 14, 1916, at Bear River, Grand Master DONALD F. FRASER presiding. He reported the constitution of the Nova Scotia Lodge of Research, at Halifax, under most encouraging auspices. It is patterned after Lodges devoted to Masonic education and research, such as Quatuor Coronati, 2076, and other literary and historical Lodges of England. It will confer no degrees and its members must be members in good standing of some other Lodges of the Jurisdiction. It will be the centre of Masonic education, to prepare and distribute papers and documents pertaining to Masonry, and to publish a Masonic Journal. Apparently it is to be supported, financially, by the Grand Lodge.

He reported the Lodges to be in good condition, and from frequent visitations he had observed good signs of future progress.

A good thing is found in a report on the Masonic Home, credited to an address delivered at the corner-stone laying of the Masonic Home in Indiana:

“ ‘ In this Home, Masonry is exhibiting to the world that it has caught the meaning of the enquiry made of Cain in the very dawn of history, “ Where is thy Brother ? ” and is now ready to answer the question, “ Who is thy Neighbor ? ” It has taken a Christian world nineteen centuries to catch the full meaning of the parable of the Good Samaritan: Through those centuries of carnage and bloodshed, through the din of musketry and the smoke of battle, man has been able only to

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see the whites in the eyes of his enemies, and nearly always failed to see the beautiful expression of an equal sacrifice, an equal heroism and an equally honest conviction of the righteousness of his cause, in the blue of the eyes of his brothers.' ”

A happy incident at the meeting was a resolution of congratulations to Grand Secretary MOWBRAY and Mrs. Mowbray on the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary, and the presentation to each of them of \$50 in gold.

A very complete Correspondence Report comes from Acting Grand Secretary JAMES E. JONES. It includes Pennsylvania (1915) with generous attention to our Elizabethtown Home.

DONALD FISHER FRASER,	New Glasgow,	Grand Master.
THOMAS MOWBRAY,	Halifax,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 541. Membership, 101,185. Gain, 5,110.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH Annual Communication, October 20, 1915, at Dayton. All but sixteen of the Lodges were represented.

The official address of Grand Master GEORGE C. MARSHALL is a business-like account of his administration, dealing with matters mainly of interest to the Brethren of the Jurisdiction. He took occasion to warn the Lodges that the “National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association” and its chainless letter system of raising funds was not recognized or approved by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary's report showed total income for the year, \$76,388.21, and expenses \$74,340.15, the latter including \$53,822.50 for the Ohio Masonic Home.

A By-Law of a Lodge to require payment of annual dues in advance was sustained by the Jurisprudence Committee

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and approved by the Grand Lodge. It was otherwise, however, with a regulation proposed by a majority of said committee, as follows:

“Petitions for initiation or membership must be accompanied by the proper fees, presented only at a stated meeting, referred to a committee and shall lie over until the next stated meeting.

“ ‘All balloting for degrees or membership shall be at stated meetings, but degrees may be conferred at special meetings appointed at a stated meeting by the Lodge or the Master.

“ ‘A subordinate Lodge may notify its members by mail, in sealed envelopes, marked “Personal,” of the name, age, residence, and occupation of each petitioner.’ ”

The above was the subject of extended discussion, and a rising vote “not being satisfactory,” a written ballot was had and the proposition defeated. The arguments for and against it are not recorded, nor do we get from the record the present practice in the premises; but it seems like a very sensible method of procedure in all its features and worthy of adoption by any well-conducted Lodge. It is practically the regulation in Pennsylvania and serves the purpose very well.

Among the appropriations made by Grand Lodge may be noted \$30,000 to the Masonic Home. The Home is, as ever, the pride of Ohio Masons and continues its good work with increasing efficiency. The latest additions to the property are the Boys' Cottage and a new power house. The residents, at date of report, numbered 205; 89 men, 63 women, 31 boys and 22 girls. Positions and homes were found for 4 boys and 5 girls. Total disbursements for the year for maintenance and betterments amounted to \$94,264.17. The value of farm products was \$6,658.76. There are in various funds for the support of the Home \$222,933.88.

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Among the Masons of Ohio well known abroad as well as at home is Past Grand Master NELSON WILLIAMS. It is he who writes the Correspondence Reports for the Grand Lodge. He is a man of fine literary attainments, and whatever he writes—whether it be prose or poetry—is usually worth attention, and commands it. The present report is not an exception. In his review of Pennsylvania (1914) he finds some things to his liking; one of them is our practice of re-electing our Grand Master for a second year; another is the huge proportions of our finances. But he did not get the right perspective of our Library and Museum when he quoted our committee that they “were still living, but were not very much alive.” It is true, our committee, headed by Brother JOHN WANAMAKER, did say that; but it was in protest, or complaint, of the cramped quarters occupied by those departments in the Temple, that are year by year becoming inadequate for the growing needs of the Grand Lodge in many other respects besides the Library and Museum—a problem to which the Grand Lodge is giving serious thought.

If Brother WILLIAMS had followed the Committee on Library farther, he would have read:

“We do not mean to have you think that your Library and Museum are not worthy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and even better than any other Masonic Library or Museum in the United States, so far as known.”

We really have a wonderful library and museum, and Brother WILLIAMS is the man of cultivated taste to appreciate it. He will come to see it some day and be convinced.

FRANK H. MARQUIS,	Mansfield,	Grand Master.
J. H. BROMWELL,	Cincinnati,	Grand Secretary.

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OKLAHOMA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 432.

SEVENTH Annual Communication, February 16, 1915,
at Guthrie.

If anybody—in Oklahoma or out of it—desires to ascertain the membership of the Masonic organization in the Jurisdiction and its progress numerically, he will have to look for it in some other place than the Proceedings, where it should be. The Grand Secretary reported that “Grand Lodge has completed one of its most successful years,” but that is about as near as he gets to any supporting evidence of it. The fact is, judging from his report, the Lodges do about as they please in making their returns and paying their Grand Lodge dues.

Grand Master WILLIAM PERRY FREEMAN, referring to “the greatest and most uncalled-for, useless and senseless war in the history of the world” and how the principles of Masonry, if heeded, would have prevented it, left this little gem with his hearers:

“Brethren we should teach our children that the greatest hero is the man that brings the greatest blessings to mankind, and not the man that brings the most misery, the most blood and the most tears and suffering to man and woman and child.”

He had a strenuous year. Besides a long list of routine duties, he reported more than twelve pages of decisions and over eight pages of disciplinary measures; and right vigorously did he dispose of the latter. One instance will serve as an example. It concerned a Junior Warden elect whose ideas of temperance did not accord with the Grand Master's. He forbade his installation and directed the election of another to the office. The Lodge re-elected the offender, when the Grand Master informed him that “Masonry could not be

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made a foot-ball of " while he was Grand Master, and followed with this:

" If Masonry is at such a low ebb in Lexington that it is thought to be no offense for a brother elected to superintend the Craft during refreshment and see that none convert the means of refreshment to intemperance or excess, to get so drunk that he must be ' carried to his buggy and hauled home,' through the public streets, on Christmas day, it is time that something was done to bring about a different state of affairs, even if it becomes necessary to take the charter away from such a lodge."

That settled it, and the man was not installed! His disposition of all such cases was approved by Grand Lodge.

He found many instances of wanton disregard of the laws and regulations in the invasion of territory of one Lodge by another; and when the facts warranted it he did not hesitate " to remove the Master of the Lodge committing the offense, instantler." Masonically speaking, such matters tend to continue Oklahoma in the " wild and woolly " class.

The sum of \$903.30 was contributed by ninety-six Lodges and four Brethren to the War Relief Association.

The Masonic Home at Darlington is now out of debt, the last payment having been made on it. The Home had an average of 130 residents who were maintained at an actual expense of \$21,676.88, or about \$18.90 per capita per month. The inventoried value of the property, real and personal, is \$193,549.02. Grand Lodge appropriated \$30,000 to the Home for maintenance for the year ending January 1, 1916; also \$3,000 for the schools, and \$1,020 for an automobile truck.

Past Grand Master THOMAS CHAUNCEY HUMPHRY presented a good Correspondence Report, in which Pennsylvania (1913) finds a place. He finds that we are out of harmony

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with most Jurisdictions in the title of Grand Master, and quotes Mackey that it should be "Most Worshipful" instead of "Right Worshipful." Just why the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did not consult Mackey in the premises, we are not informed; but our present form of title is an ancient one and supported by authorities probably as safe to follow as Mackey; it seems to be agreeable to everybody here and we will have to drub along with it even though it does not conform to standards elsewhere. Pennsylvania has the reputation of being contrary anyway—even when she is right!

In Brother HUMPHRY's opinion, Masonry and the liquor do not mix. This is what he says of Masonry and the saloon in Oklahoma:

"Thirty-five or forty years ago when saloons were all over the states, it was no uncommon thing to see a saloon keeper one of the leading officers of the lodge, now a saloon keeper is not eligible to membership and cannot be made a Mason."

ALMER ELLIS MONRONEY, Oklahoma City, Grand Master.

WILLIAM MOSES ANDERSON, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.

EIGHTH Annual Communication, February 14, 1916, at Oklahoma City.

In our limited time and space the one hundred pages of Grand Master MONRONEY's official address is too much to digest. He said it was a busy year for the Grand Master—and we can easily believe it. He was happy to state that the gains in membership for the year were highly gratifying, "as you will observe from our R. W. Grand Secretary's report." Reference to the Grand Secretary's report furnishes no light on the subject. If the missing returns of about twenty Lodges were to be secured, and then an adding machine furnished to sum up the columns of figures, perhaps the number

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of Masons in Oklahoma and the growth in membership might be ascertained.

This year the average number of residents at the Masonic Home was 161, and average cost of maintenance per month per capita was \$15.28.

Grand Lodge refused recognition to the "Grand Lodge National of France."

A large amount of business, involving many details, was disposed of by Grand Lodge, the session covering three days.

Brother HUMPHRY'S Correspondence Report is another good one and gives ample account of Pennsylvania (1914). His hope will certainly be realized, that his report "will do some good and no harm."

ARTHUR JAMES WEIR, Hugo, Grand Master.
WILLIAM MOSES ANDERSON, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.

OREGON—1915-1916.

Lodges, 145. Membership, 14,214. Gain, 954.

SIXTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, June 16, 1915, at Portland.

Grand Master WILLIAM C. BRISTOL was in a critical mood when he wrote his official address—"astonishing wastefulness and extravagance" were charged against the Lodges "that have cost approximately \$68,923 and nothing to show for it"; "Grand Lodge expenditures invariably exceed its income"; a larger assessment would have to be made upon the Lodges, "or the demands upon funds kept within the revenue producing limits." Perhaps we should say that this was practical business sense rather than criticism, for it was clearly his duty to warn his Brethren of their poor business judgment. The warning had its effect; for Grand Lodge voted to establish a fixed budget, not to be exceeded, except in case of an emergency.

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He was firm in his belief that the best interests of the Grand Lodge demanded that it should hold its sessions at various points in the Jurisdiction instead of meeting year after year at Portland, where the distracting influences of a large city interfere with concentrated attention to the business to be disposed of. Grand Lodge agreed with him, and the next annual communication was to be held at Albany.

He was an ardent advocate of the War Relief Association, and as a result of his efforts the Lodges and the Grand Lodge contributed the sum of \$2,000—pretty good response to the charge: “Universal benevolence you are always to inculcate.”

That he had given earnest thought to constructive regulations and legislation for the improvement of the Craft is evidenced by a list of recommendations, among which is one that may well engage the attention of all Grand Lodges:

“RECOMMENDATION Establish a method of Masonic instruction and education throughout all of the constituent Lodges to the end as designed by the lectures of the different degrees, the ritual and ceremonies through which the candidate has passed may become and be intelligent to him and the brethren.”

He was rather severe in summing up the Masonic situation in Oregon, and while we admire him for the courage of his convictions, we are loath to believe that some of his statements are to be taken literally: but this is what he said:

“This Jurisdiction is affected with a mental disease of forbidding aspect and virulent symptoms which consist on the one part of those who want a Key for all of the members of the institution, and on the other part those who want a Key for the active officers of the Lodge. Last session you directed publication of a Key for the Wardens, but there was not money to meet this appropriation. A Key or Cipher is a destructive, nefarious, vicious thing, destroying one of the

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five points of fellowship and the only place for it is in the archives of the Grand Secretary as a standard of reference.

“Neglect of the young Mason and the entire absence of Masonic educational facilities induces waning interest among members and small attendance in Lodges and prevents the growth of healthy Masonic minds.

“Masonry in Oregon is now the slave of form and ceremony, the creature of too much law and regulation, and the cringing instrument of self-interest. Ignorance begets imprudence, indifferences and neglect impair its vigor and the misuse and abuse of the ballot destroy its fraternity.

“The revival must come from the Masters and Wardens, better interest, closer contact with this Grand Body; we are all too far apart.”

Maybe it is as well that that proposed conference of Grand Masters did not “come off” in Oregon, if her Masonic affairs were to be exhibited in that state—or perhaps it should have been held to correct them!

A large amount of business was considered by Grand Lodge, covering a period of three days for the meeting.

The Correspondence Report by Past Grand Master DAVID P. MASON is an excellent summary of the several Grand Lodges, and no doubt proved to be very acceptable reading to his Brethren. Pennsylvania, however, was not contained in the list.

FRANK J. MILLER,	Salem,	Grand Master.
JAMES F. ROBINSON,	Portland,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 143. Membership, 14,779. Gain, 564.

SIXTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, June 7, 1916, at Albany.

Grand Master FRANK J. MILLER, in an able official address, speaking of the accomplishments of their Grand Lodge, said:

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“Looking back over the past and comparing our record with other organizations of like kind, we can congratulate ourselves upon our achievements. We have done a great work. We have left our stamp indelibly fixed upon the citizenship of our state. Masonry in Oregon has been a vital, living force, more potent today than ever before, and we need not blush for the record it has left on the page of our state’s development. It made its first appearance west of the Rocky Mountains in Oregon City in the year 1848, and its progress has been steady, its record one to be admired, its escutcheon kept clean and bright. Faith, Hope and Charity have guided our footsteps in the past and they must be the lamps that light our pathway to the future.”

He reported that for the first time in many years they were out of debt and had sufficient funds, if handled with care and good business judgment, to enable them to forever remain in a reasonably prosperous condition.

Grand Lodge manifested its patriotism when an American flag was introduced and placed before the altar. Brother WILLIAM W. YOUNGSON—a former Pittsburgh, Pa., boy—paid a glowing tribute to “Old Glory,” and it was voted that the Grand Lodge and all Subordinate Lodges shall hereafter display the flag at their meetings.

It is hereafter to be the law in Oregon that no physical disability shall bar an applicant for the degrees if he is able “to conform substantially to and be instructed in, and give instructions in the Arts and Mysteries of Freemasonry.” Any artificial limb that enables him to do so renders him eligible.

Oregon has not given up the hope of a “National Grand Lodge.” A resolution was adopted reaffirming their judgment in favor of it; but believing that “evolution is infinitely better than revolution,” requested the Grand Master “to keep the Grand Lodge of Oregon in sympathetic interest and touch

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with all sister Grand Jurisdictions and in every way possible to promote greater unity of purpose and a clearer feeling of fellowship."

A complete Correspondence Report by Brother MASON contains a fraternal review of Pennsylvania (1914) with approved excerpts from the address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS.

WILL MOORE,	Pendleton,	Grand Master.
JAMES F. ROBINSON,	Portland,	Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—1915-1916.

Lodges, 5. Membership, 582. Gain, 82.

THE success of most organizations depends upon a good start under skilful and devoted leadership. This Grand Lodge was fortunate in that respect, and Grand Master NEWTON C. COMFORT appears to have been the right man for the time and place. His skill is shown in the character of his official address, and his devotion may be judged from his attention to details. For instance, to encourage the Lodges and help build them up, he attended some Lodge meeting every week of the year—sometimes four a week; and he participated in Schools of Instruction which were held regularly. To insure such leadership for the future Grand Lodge elected him Grand Secretary.

He reported a successful year for Masonry, though the Islands have felt the unrest of world conditions, the disturbance of politics, and the anxiety for events transpiring about them.

At the date of this Communication the Grand Lodge had received notice of recognition from all the American Grand Lodges except twelve; no doubt some of the latter

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have since taken favorable action. A number of Grand Lodges in different parts of the world held off because the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were hesitating to accord recognition; but as they both have now given full recognition, all the others will no doubt follow.

The Grand Master voiced a complaint against some of the American Lodges conferring the degrees upon certain residents of the Philippines, who returned to the States for a few months, some of whom, he said, were "too disreputable to gain admission to our Lodges here," and without consulting the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, or inquiring into the character of the applicants where they were best known. He cites an instance of a Philadelphia Lodge thus apparently violating their Jurisdiction although in that case he does not specifically allege unfitness of the applicant. He presumed that upon protest through the proper channels they could secure the fees of such candidates and their membership; "but," he said, "in more than 90 per cent. of the cases which have come to our attention we don't want the member, in fact we are humiliated by his society." So far as Pennsylvania is concerned, the solution of the problem would appear to be easy. If our Brethren of the Philippines can convince our Grand Master of any invasion of their rights and territory there will be no question of reparation, and the candidate unlawfully admitted will be promptly "edicted," a procedure for which Pennsylvania is quite renowned! Of course, the question of residence may involve some complications and difference of opinion; that is admitted by Grand Master COMFORT.

We learn from the Grand Master's address that a new Masonic Temple was in course of construction on one of the principal business streets of Manila; and that the Grand Lodge had started a library and museum. It was also voted by Grand Lodge to establish a charity fund by assessment of the Lodges of 50 centavos per capita.

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Brother GEORGE ROGERS HARVEY was elected and installed Grand Master and it was he who wrote the Correspondence Report, which contains notice of Pennsylvania (1913) and returns thanks for our recognition of their Grand Lodge. According to Brother HARVEY rumor has reached the Philippines that ours is "the richest Grand Lodge in the world," financially.

GEORGE ROGERS HARVEY,	Manila,	Grand Master.
NEWTON C. COMFORT,	Manila,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 6. Membership, 701. Gain, 119.

FOURTH Annual Communication, February 8, 1916, at Manila.

The rosters of Lodges show the cosmopolitan membership, as one would expect in this outpost of civilization. Some of them bear a distinctly local flavor, as, for instance: Luis Ruiz Yangko, Felipe Tempongko, Balapuwadgue John Mendez, Juan Sumulong, Chan Bon Chong.

In his official address Grand Master GEORGE R. HARVEY said they were trying to exemplify the principles of Brotherhood, "a vital force which will destroy the animosities of racial and national differences."

He reported correspondence with the Grand Master of Massachusetts in which he ably and effectually disposed of the protest of the "Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines, No. 2," against their recognition by the American Grand Lodges,—which protest has heretofore been ignored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A notable event of the year was the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple at Manila. When completed it will be the most modern building in design, construction and general equipment in the Far East. It is to be built upon a foundation of 1400 piles, each 35 feet in length,

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and the height of the building is to be 120 feet, the highest in the city.

A resolution was adopted making it a Masonic offense to possess any key or cipher to the ritual.

Grand Secretary COMFORT has an excellent Correspondence Report, which no doubt is read by a greater proportion of members than any other in the world. The news which is thus brought from "home" should be seized upon—and doubtless is seized—with avidity by the Brethren in this far-off country.

Pennsylvania (1914) engages Brother COMFORT's attention to an unusual extent, and Grand Master WILLIAMS is copiously quoted. Brother COMFORT was a Pennsylvania boy, and "the dear old home state still appears most glorious to the sojourner in the Islands of the sea." But he does not refrain from hinting at alleged inconsistency in maintaining our rule of Jurisdiction and at the same time accepting residents of the Philippines without consulting their Grand Lodge. We have heretofore indicated how any alleged conflict may be adjusted, and it is "up to" our Philippine Brethren to make their plea officially.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,	Manila,	Grand Master.
NEWTON C. COMFORT,	Manila,	Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1915-1916.

Lodges, 15. Membership, 819. Gain, 20.

FORTIETH Annual Communication, June 23, 1915, at Charlottetown.

Grand Master GEORGE S. INMAN reported that "from a Masonic standpoint the year has been a successful one, several of the Lodges having shown great enthusiasm in their work."

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As in all Canadian Jurisdictions, Proceedings contains many references to the European war and many expressions of patriotic sentiment. This Jurisdiction contributed \$1,075 to the fund started by the Canada Lodge of London (composed of Canadians) for a fifty bed military hospital at, or near, London, and an auxiliary hospital at Folkestone, to be under the special care and management of the Freemasons.

Grand Master INMAN gives a list of the Masons of their Lodges in active military service, and incidentally mentions that EARL KITCHENER and EARL ROBERTS were Masons; also that LORD AMPHILL, pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was at the front in command of a regiment.

Grand Secretary DOULL reported for the Committee on Correspondence, and with comprehensive knowledge of the principles involved, discussed the status of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, the Grand Lodge of Mexico and the latest Grand Lodge of France. At his suggestion their applications for recognition were deferred. He recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which was agreed to.

JAMES D. STEWART,	Georgetown,	Grand Master.
W. P. DOULL,	Charlottetown,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 15. Membership, 854. Gain, 35.

FORTY-FIRST Annual Communication, June 28, 1916, at Charlottetown, Grand Master JAMES D. STEWART in the chair. His address, besides dwelling at length upon the war, was devoted to routine matters. The same may be said of the transactions of Grand Lodge—at least, we find nothing of special interest to present to our readers.

A. STIRLING MCKAY,	Summerside,	Grand Master.
W. P. DOULL,	Charlottetown,	Grand Secretary.

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QUEBEC—1915-1916.

Lodges, 66. Membership, 8,152. Gain, 333.

FORTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, February 10, 1915, at Montreal. All but two Lodges were represented.

Whatever may be the facts as to a state of indifference in some parts of the Province of Quebec towards the British Empire in the present war, there was no division of sentiment apparent in this Grand Lodge; for when Grand Master JOHN E. WRIGHT declared in his official address "when Britain is at war, Canada is at war," it received the unanimous assent of his Brethren. He extolled the patriotism of his Brother Masons who had gone to the aid of the Empire, the sacrifices of the wives and mothers, emphasized the Masonic duty of loyalty to country and prayed to the God of battles to grant victory to the Empire's arms. And at his invitation Grand Lodge rose and sang "God Save the King."

Grand Lodge directed that the names of members of Lodges who may have sacrificed their lives in defense of the Empire shall constitute a roll of honor, to be hung in Grand Lodge during its sessions and at other times in the office of the Grand Secretary. The Lodges contributed \$7,900 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, for the benefit of the families of the Canadian Contingent; \$585 was collected at a Masonic church service at Montreal for the Red Cross and the Belgian Relief Fund; one Lodge in Montreal donated \$500 to the Belgian Relief Fund; and Grand Lodge furnished \$2,750 for a motor ambulance for the Red Cross Society, to be used at the front.

We gather from the Grand Master's address that members of a Lodge that shall have been in existence for one hundred years may wear gold lace, or fringe, on aprons. Some of the Lodges were prematurely adopting such decorations and had to be enjoined.

In the death of Past Grand Master J. B. TRESIDDER, Grand Lodge suffered a severe loss. A tribute to his memory was placed on record in the following:

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“ In the call to ‘ Rest ’ of M. Wor. Bro. J. B. Tresidder, Past Grand Master, this Grand Lodge has indeed been sorely bereaved. A man among men and a Mason among Masons, he enjoyed the love, the respect, and esteem of his Brethren to a degree to which few of us can hope to attain. His heart was in the Craft and in its welfare in this Jurisdiction; and he had the rare gift of taking brightness and sunshine with him wherever he went, and of arousing and maintaining the enthusiasm of his fellow workers, whether in business or in Masonry.”

An unusual case of insubordination and contumacy occurred in a Lodge at Granby. Against the commands and warnings of the Grand Master, its officers and certain members insisted upon conducting ritualistic work other than that authorized by Grand Lodge. The Grand Master arrested its charter. The matter came before Grand Lodge and his action was promptly sustained; but the recalcitrant members of the Lodge having expressed contrition and willingness to abide by the proper regulations and authorities, it was agreed to delegate to the incoming Grand Master power to restore the charter at such time as he might decide to be fit and proper.

Correspondence Report by Past Grand Master E. T. D. CHAMBERS is introduced by interesting discussions of pertinent topics, one of which stresses the demand for enlightenment and instruction of the initiate, and deals with qualifications of a Master, as a guide and leader of his Brethren. There is no doubt that a Lodge fails to attain its highest value in the administration of an officer whose conception of duty arises no higher than a parrot-like, expressionless rendering of a ritual which, apparently, he has not digested and does not fully comprehend; but Brother CHAMBERS sets a rather high mark of culture for the average Master, who, after all, is a volunteer in the service of his Brethren. However, the alternative of doing a thing yourself is to secure

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the service of some one who can do it better than you can. A Master may not have the culture, but he should have enough of executive ability to organize some form of instruction for the benefit of his Lodge. Brother CHAMBERS' view is idealistic—would that we might attain it. This is it:

“Our own feeling is that every Master should be able to personally instruct his Lodge, and the Master who is unable so to do, but who has been merely promoted to the Chair because alone of his parrot-like ability to pronounce a certain amount of ritual, can scarcely expect to be held and considered as particularly ‘Worshipful’ by the more intellectual members of the Lodge. In these days of free libraries, public lectures and night schools, as well as of the great multiplication of books of all kinds, Masonic and otherwise, in cheap editions, nobody can reasonably complain of lack of opportunity for self-improvement, and no good reason can exist for the failure of any intelligent aspirant to the Mastership of a Lodge, to become properly qualified for the performance of the duties of that high and important office. There is consequently no hardship whatever involved in turning down an unqualified candidate for the Chair.”

Pennsylvania (1913) is among the reviews. Of the inaugural address of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS it was said: “It shows him to be possessed of a fine appreciation of the importance and the duties of the office upon which he was just entering.”

EDWARD A. EVANS,	Quebec,	Grand Master.
WILL H. WHYTE,	Montreal,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 65. Membership, 8,255. Gain, 102.

FORTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, February 9, 1916,
at Montreal, Grand Master EDWARD A. EVANS presiding.

Grand Secretary WHYTE reported that since the com-

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mencement of the war upwards of \$25,000 had passed through his hands from the various branches of the Masonic Fraternity on account of patriotic purposes. The Roll of Honor contained 375 names, from 35 Lodges; four of them were Brigadier Generals actively engaged at the front.

On report of Committee on Correspondence Grand Lodge voted to recognize the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and denied the requests for recognition of "Mexican Symbolical Rite," the "Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic," the new French body and the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

In the prelude of his Correspondence Report Brother CHAMBERS discusses—among other topics—Freemasonry and the war, in which he defends the English Grand Lodge for excluding from its Lodges Masons of foreign birth or blood of hostile nations. He says that "not hatred, but ordinary prudence justifies the action," as it was a well-known fact that England was honey-combed with spies from those countries. He cited the case of one such spy who had gained admission into a Lodge in Quebec and who afterwards was arrested and in his possession were found plans and information in regard to war materials, etc.

Pennsylvania (1915) is briefly noted in the report.

EDWARD A. EVANS,	Quebec,	Grand Master.
WILL H. WHYTE,	Montreal,	Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND—1915-1916.

Lodges, 37. Membership, 9,194. Gain, 361.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, May 17, 1915, at Providence.

We fail to find anything in the official address of Grand Master J. FRED PARKER to interest our readers; indeed, the

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same may be said of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge generally.

This Grand Lodge has Semi-annual Communications, and the rule is that business introduced at one Communication is disposed of at the next; so that it is difficult to report the doings of that body, the causes and effects, without having the Proceedings of two consecutive years before us.

In his installation address Grand Master-elect REUBEN S. BEMIS recalled the interesting historical fact that just one hundred years previously THOMAS SMITH WEBB retired from the office of Grand Master of this Jurisdiction.

REUBEN S. BEMIS,	Providence,	Grand Master.
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS,	Providence,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 37. Membership, 9,466. Gain, 272.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, May 15, 1916, at Providence.

Grand Master REUBEN S. BEMIS believed that "internal rather than external qualities are the main factors" in judging the fitness of men to be made Masons, and desired Grand Lodge to modify its regulations so that an artificial limb should not render a candidate ineligible. We do not find that his recommendation was given any consideration. Perhaps it will be taken up later.

The bronze tablet to commemorate the former occupancy of the Chamber of Commerce Building at Providence by Masonic bodies, from 1797, was erected May 8, 1916; and at this meeting a proposition was submitted to Grand Lodge to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$100 to place on the same building a tablet to the memory of THOMAS SMITH WEBB. After some discussion the proposal was rejected.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was given recognition; the request of the new Grand Lodge of France was indefinitely

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postponed; and the request of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was deferred.

WILBUR A. SCOTT,	Providence,	Grand Master.
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS,	Providence,	Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN—1915-1916.

Lodges, 110. Membership, 6,705. Gain, 753.

NINTH Annual Communication, June 16, 1915, at Regina.

In this Province of Canada, when this Grand Lodge was formed, there were 24 Lodges and 900 members. Masonry accompanies the pioneer; and the remarkable growth of more than 700 per cent. in the Grand Lodge in nine years is an index to the progress in settlement and development of this wonderful country of Northwest Canada. It seems like a fairy tale; read Mrs. Humphry Ward's "Lady Merton, Colonist," a story of man's mastery of nature.

The Grand Lodge, as per official address of Grand Master LAUHLIN T. McDONALD, has an invested Benevolent Fund of \$11,000; and the Lodges contributed \$3,200 to a special War Benevolent Fund for the relief of Masons serving in the army and their dependents, as occasion requires.

In view of the rapid increase of Lodges and members, Grand Master considered it advisable to warn them to look well to the quality of material seeking admission, and the qualifications of officers selected to govern them. He urged every member of a Lodge to be a "committee of one" to inquire closely into the character and fitness of applicants for the degrees. He said:

"We do not want fewer members, but we do want more morals, or better morals, and if we can only have 'more morals' by lessening the members, let us lessen the members.

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Ten good men in a Lodge, men who command the respect of the community in which they live, are better than ten times that number of bad or indifferent ones."

He went farther along this line and suggested that in cities where there are several Lodges a sort of clearing-house be instituted through which all petitions should go before action by the Lodge petitioned. Grand Lodge, while admitting that the scheme might have its value, vetoed it as interfering with the liberty of the Lodges in selecting their own members. We are not sure that the idea is not worthy of consideration by Grand Lodges everywhere.

Six Lodges were constituted during the year and five charters for new Lodges were granted at this Communication.

On account of ill health Grand Secretary JOHN M. SHAW was compelled to resign his office. In recognition of his faithful service Grand Lodge voted to him a pension of \$800 per annum. Past Grand Master W. B. TATE became his successor and said: "Only the feeling that it would offer me a wider sphere to serve my fellows led me finally to accept." It appears to be a commendable example, to abandon his usual vocation and devote his life entirely to Masonic work.

This Grand Lodge is awake to the value of educational features of Lodge work, and voted in favor of "short addresses, papers and conversations on Masonic subjects" when time and opportunity permit.

A good report on correspondence came from Past Grand Master Dr. A. S. GORRELL. An approving notice of Pennsylvania (1914) is given, in which he graciously assents that the title "Right Worshipful" (of the Grand Master) accords with ancient custom, and "Most Worshipful" is a departure therefrom. We respectfully refer this to our Brother correspondent of Oklahoma.

W. M. THOMSON,	For Qu'Appelle,	Grand Master.
W. B. TATE,	Regina,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 125. Membership, 7,117. Gain, 346.

TENTH Annual Communication, June 21, 1916, at Swift Current.

This closed the tenth year of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master WILLIAM MURRAY THOMSON described the wonderful development of the country as well as Masonry therein. We venture to say that the average person in the United States knows as little of Saskatchewan as he does of a section of China—whether it is a village, a county or a state. In Western Canada the “march of empire” is measured by decades rather than by centuries. In ten years this province increased 360 per cent. in population, 400 per cent. in urban and rural schools (not to mention High Schools, Normal Schools, Collegiate Institutes and a University) and cities and towns built with up-to-date fireproof buildings, skyscrapers and public utilities established along modern and approved plans. Masonry has kept pace with this marvellous development, as we have heretofore mentioned, and is still going forward, notwithstanding the deterrent influences of the war. The Lodges have a surplus over liabilities of \$146,922.17, and ample cash funds for all reasonable Masonic purposes. At this meeting of Grand Lodge charters were granted for seven new Lodges and dispensations continued for two.

Brother GORRELL urged his Brethren to read his Correspondence Report because it brought to them many articles written by leaders in Masonic thought—better than he had ever collected before. Among them is a part of the installation address of Grand Master WATRES of Pennsylvania (1915).

J. H. ANDERSON,	Saskatoon,	Grand Master.
W. B. TATE,	Regina,	Grand Secretary.

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SCOTLAND—1915.

At the Quarterly Communication of February 4, 1915, at Edinburgh, we note that Grand Lodge voted recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. This clears the way for a number of Grand Lodges that have been waiting to know what action Scotland would take, as a guide to them.

It was also voted to relieve from payment of Lodge dues all members in the war service.

A record was made of a letter from the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States, offering war relief funds. It was received "with feelings of deepest appreciation" and a reply sent that "when the claims upon the funds of Grand Lodge grow to such an extent as to cause anxiety (which, it was intimated, might happen) the kind offer of the War Relief Association would be utilized for the purpose for which they designed it."

The Quarterly Communication of November 4, 1915, was presided over by the Grand Master, Colonel R. KING STEWART, of Murdostoun, and he was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. He was installed at the Annual Communication held November 30, 1915, when he addressed Grand Lodge on its progress during the year. He said the increase of membership was 8,963, as compared with 10,872 the previous year. They had \$2,037 in the General Fund; \$61,700 in the Benevolent Fund; and \$487,415 in the Annuity Fund. These are exclusive of \$294,350 in "heritable and moveable property." A minute was made of the presentation to the Museum and Library by the Grand Secretary, Brother DAVID REID, of a "Medal, struck in 1902, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in commemoration of the sesqui-centennial of GEORGE WASHINGTON's initiation."

There is also an acknowledgment from St. Andrew Lodge, of Boston, of \$1,000, "to be applied to the relief of Masons

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whose sufferings are caused by serving in the Army and Navy in the cause of justice and love of country."

COL. R. KING STEWART,	Murdostoun,	Grand Master.
JOHN REID,	Edinburgh,	Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 77. Membership, 5,702. Gain, 436.

HALF-YEARLY Communication of the Grand Lodge was held October 21, 1914, at Adelaide, the Grand Master, The Right Honorable Sir S. J. WAY, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice of South Australia, etc., presiding. The Grand Master had suffered a great affliction in the death of his wife; and shortly after that sad event he underwent the serious operation of having his left arm amputated. Although in his seventy-ninth year he came through the ordeal successfully, and almost in his accustomed health and vigor was affectionately welcomed by his Brethren of the Grand Lodge. Visibly affected, he replied to their greeting as brother to brother. He has presided over the Craft for more than twenty-five years, with five years as Pro Grand Master.

The Annual Communication was held April 21, 1915, Grand Master WAY was again re-elected, and addressed the body upon the "wonderful progress of the Craft" in the Jurisdiction—three times as numerous as when the Grand Lodge was formed, and financially able to dispense \$6,000 in charity during the preceding year.

Grand Lodge approved donations of \$500 to the Belgian Relief Fund, \$500 to the Grand Lodge of France for distressed Masons, \$250 towards the purchase of a Masonic motor ambulance; including this last donation the Fraternity raised about \$3,000 for the same purpose.

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Many references were made to the war in Europe and the same expressions of patriotic sentiment as are found in Proceedings of Grand Lodges in all British colonies.

In Grand Lodge funds there was reported a total of nearly \$170,000.

Proceedings of "Sister Grand Lodges" were reviewed by a committee of which Brother W. K. SMART was a member, and who devoted generous attention to Pennsylvania (1913). He credits us with the finest Masonic Temple in the world and also with the finest Masonic Home. He, too, was impressed with the words of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS when he declared that although the Grand Master is to govern, it is equally his duty to serve.

SIR SAMUEL JAMES WAY, Bart., etc., Adelaide, Grand Master.
CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, Adelaide, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 77. Membership, 5,857. Gain, 155.

February 3, 1916, Grand Lodge assembled as a Lodge of Sorrow to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of the Grand Master, the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL JAMES WAY, Bart., etc., etc., who died January 8, 1916, in his eightieth year. He was Grand Master 1884-1889, Pro Grand Master 1890-1895, and again Grand Master 1896-1916. He was recognized as "the first citizen of the State, not only by virtue of the high offices which he held and adorned, but by reason of his great and commanding abilities and his life's work for the good of his country."

The Annual Communication was held April 9, 1916, when the Pro Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother EUSTACE B. GRUNDY, K.C., was elected and installed Grand Master amidst a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of the Brethren, after which he made an appropriate address.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge were generally routine.

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In the Correspondence Report Brother C. H. BEAUMONT, of the committee, presented a fraternal notice of Pennsylvania (1914). In justice to his Grand Lodge we present the following from his pen, although we are not familiar with the error he first speaks of:

“Correspondence is reviewed at length, and an error is shown to exist in our last report, which should be remedied. There was also an error in the number of Lodges. The ‘Alabama’ explanation is quoted in full; it seems a pity that this wrong conception with reference to the son of a Mason should have got abroad. We welcome the sons of Masons after making ‘due’ enquiry. No Dispensation is necessary unless he be under age, or other special reason exists which requires a Dispensation in any case.”

EUSTACE BEARDOE GRUNDY, K.C., Adelaide, Grand Master.
CHAS. R. J. GLOVER, Adelaide, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1915.

Lodges, 260. Membership, 16,712. Gain, 438.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH Annual Communication, December 14, 1915, at Charleston.

Grand Master GEORGE T. BRYAN expressed his gratification that peace and harmony so prevailed that not a single case of appeal or a real or fancied grievance was presented for investigation or adjustment. Such a state of affairs is certainly unusual and is a subject of congratulation.

He declared himself most emphatically against the practice of notifying the membership of Lodges, by mail, of applicants for initiation and advancement, for the reason that the information might become public through careless handling of such notices by the post-office authorities or the recipients

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of them in their homes and offices. There was, to his mind, but one way to disseminate such information :

“ Every Mason should have sufficient interest in Masonry in general, and his Lodge in particular, to attend its regular Communications, and thus be advised of those whose names are proposed for membership. It is a duty he owes to himself as a Mason, and to his Lodge, to see that unfit and undesirable material is not accepted into Masonry.

“ Holding these views, I feel that the Grand Lodge should interdict the publication and issuance of such printed notices. Because this may be, and probably is, done in other Grand Jurisdictions, does not, to my mind, justify its being done in this Grand Jurisdiction.”

The proposition is original and, we fear, does not tend to a close scrutiny of petitioners. Further, it may be doubted that there is a necessity for such absolute secrecy as to those who desire to become Masons. If there ever was a time, it has long gone by when any man need fear or object to public knowledge that he is affiliating with the Craft. The sealed notice would appear to safeguard the transactions of a Lodge, as are the thousand and one private human affairs entrusted to the mails. However, Grand Lodge agreed with him, and that's all there is to it! But do not be surprised to learn, at some future time, that it will not work satisfactorily.

This Grand Lodge has what is known as a “ Masonic Home Fund,” amounting to about \$113,260 ; but it does not approve of Masonic Homes. The Trustees reported :

“ During the year we have contributed to the support of twenty-three orphans in Epworth Orphanage, five in Connie Maxwell Orphanage and three in Thornwell Orphanage—thirty-one in all. Expenditures for this purpose, \$1,860.00 ; seven widows, \$460.00 ; one widow and three children,

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\$175.00; one widow and four children, \$30.00; nineteen Master Masons, \$995.00. Total, \$3,510.00."

We are constrained to excerpt from Grand Master BRYAN's address their view of dispensing Masonic charity, as opposed to the Masonic Home plan:

"We are caring for the Masonic orphans better in the regularly organized charities, or homes of Masons or their own homes, as has seemed best and most expedient by us; we are caring for the Mason, his widow and his orphans, in some instances, at their own homes, where the children are growing up under the sweet and gentle influence of 'Mother'; we are contributing to the aid and relief of old and indigent Masons and their wives or widows in their own humble homes, or in old home neighborhoods. How much better is this, how much more happiness this gives than separating the children from their mother and her influence, or taking the old and indigent Mason and his wife from their home life and friendly social surroundings, where they are known and loved, and housing them all together in a Masonic Home, where the bright and joyous life and noisy mirth of young childhood has to be curbed or repressed, if not entirely prohibited, to please the whims and idiosyncrasies of these aged ones, who are in their second childhood?"

We will not take the time or space to discuss the relative merits of the two plans of operation; but we do not believe Brother BRYAN has the right conception of the modern, up-to-date Masonic Home, which does not demand the separation of the children from their mother and her influence; neither is there a "housing them all together" that he speaks of. If he should visit Elizabethtown, Pa., he may get a vision of the Masonic Home from a different view-point.

He made short work of an invitation from Oregon to attend a convention of Grand Masters by briefly replying

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that if the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was to be represented, South Carolina would not be, as they have not recognized such a body and had no fraternal relations with it.

Contributions from the Jurisdiction to the Masonic War Relief Association aggregated \$1,403.02.

Grand Lodge voted \$3,000 as a donation to the Washington Memorial Association.

Correspondence Report is, for the sixth year, the work of Past Grand Master J. L. MICHIE. It is an excellent review of the Masonic world and should be appreciated by his Brethren. Pennsylvania (1914) is included, with notice of some of the doings "peculiar to Pennsylvania" and generous excerpts from Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS.

R. A. COOPER,	Laurens,	Grand Master.
O. FRANK HART,	Columbia,	Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 142. Membership, 11,163. Gain, 433.

FORTY-FIRST Annual Communication, June 8, 1915, at Sioux Falls.

Past Grand Master PARK DAVIS, of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and still affiliated with that Jurisdiction—though a resident of South Dakota—was present and was accorded the honors of his Masonic standing and elected an honorary member of this Grand Lodge.

Addresses of welcome were made by the Masters of local Lodges, one of them saying in reference to the influence of Masonry on the body politic:

"Never before have I had an opportunity to attend a Grand Lodge session, and although this session is just getting

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started it has made me realize what a great factor Masonry has been and is, in building up a great commonwealth such as South Dakota. Unfortunately I cannot say that all Masons are good men, but I can say that if a young man has a spark of good in him to begin with, joining a Masonic Lodge will have a tendency to fan that spark to a flame, and a lasting flame, more surely than any other influence, unless it be the influence of a good home."

In his official address Grand Master GEORGE PHILIP complained of the "woeful ignorance of the Masonic Law in this Grand Jurisdiction." Each Lodge had been furnished with a compilation of the laws and decisions, and yet he was sought for decisions and advice on questions that had been ruled upon time and again and could easily be found by reference to the authority at hand. We presume the answer to his complaint is, What's a Grand Master for if not to answer questions? He answered all questions, at any rate, and as proof that he knew the law, Grand Lodge approved all the decisions he made. He ought to have been glad to have been furnished the opportunity to make such a clean record!

The Grand Lecturer reported to him that, with few exceptions, the Lodges were in good working order, officers doing good work and proficiency in ritual increasing.

He was glad to be able to report the success of plans for a Grand Lodge charity fund and that it had risen to the sum of \$17,153.59.

Grand Lodge voted to subscribe for six memberships in the Washington Memorial Association—\$600.

Past Grand Master SAMUEL A. BROWN thought that some benefit might be derived, in matters of administration, from a conference of Grand Secretaries in the United States; and at his suggestion Grand Secretary GEORGE A. PETTIGREW was instructed to use his influence to bring about such a conference. One trouble with the scheme is that there is no one

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more "sot in his ways" than the average Grand Secretary; and in such a conference there might be danger of too many generals and too few soldiers. Nearly every Jurisdiction has its peculiar administrative conditions and it would be doubtful that a Grand Secretary would give up his tried methods and adopt "others he knows not of." However, it would do no harm to try it—any more than similar conferences of Grand Masters.

Brother BROWN's Correspondence Report is the work of a facile pen, pleasant style and is good reading. He is sure of himself and "knows the game." He says he likes a "live wire." So does almost everybody; and by that test Brother BROWN should be popular.

In looking over Pennsylvania (1914) he rather admired Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS for his "independence" in rejecting a hospital for the Masonic Home as a memorial to certain persons, and preferring the plan of securing funds from voluntary contributions by the 27,000 Masons of Philadelphia. Brother BROWN will no doubt learn in due time that Grand Master WILLIAMS was eminently successful in his efforts to raise the money, and that the hospital is completed; it is the last word in modern hospital structure and equipment and is doing business. In all respects Brother BROWN gave a good account of us.

MARSHALL R. BROWN,	Sioux Falls,	Grand Master.
GEORGE A. PETTIGREW,	Sioux Falls,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 143. Membership, 11,688. Gain, 546.

FORTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 7, 1916, at Sioux Falls.

Affairs of Grand Lodge ran so smoothly that Grand Master MARSHALL BROWN's year of office was a "quiet one." He presented a sensible, concise, business account of his administration, reporting the details of the same.

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An American flag was presented to Grand Lodge by Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, an officer of the Eastern Star, and accepted by one of the Brethren in an eloquent speech, after which the entire body rose and sang "America."

In 1917 it is proposed to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England and to make a special feature—to invite voluntary contributions to benevolence, to whatever cause the donors may designate.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounts to about \$24,000, and it is planned to raise it to at least \$100,000, the income from which is expected to be ample for many years in extending relief.

Brother BROWN has another excellent Correspondence Report, in which Pennsylvania (1915) is given flattering attention. He quotes Grand Master WILLIAMS on the subject of Jurisdiction and sets forth the rule of South Dakota, as follows:

"With us there is no power to initiate a man until he has resided one year last passed within the territory of the Lodge to which he applies. No Lodge can initiate a man who has been rejected in another Jurisdiction unless that Jurisdiction disclaims the law of perpetual Jurisdiction. We claim no jurisdiction over a profane, even when he has been voted on, after he leaves the State. If a Lodge in another State asks us if there is a Masonic objection to the initiation of a rejected candidate we put it to the vote of the Lodge by secret ballot and report to the enquiring Lodge the result of the ballot. In that way we steer clear of the rocks and shoals."

JAMES ROANE,	Yankton,	Grand Master.
GEORGE A. PETTIGREW,	Sioux Falls,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 454. Membership, 28,081. Gain, 1,019.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST Annual Communication, January 27, 1915, at Nashville.

Citing many appeals from Lodges for financial assistance to their members, Grand Master THOMAS J. BONNER, in his official address, said: "My experience the past six months has taught me that I had a very poor conception of the amount of suffering among my Brethren." The low price of cotton, failure of other crops and unsettled financial conditions had borne heavily upon many of them. Evidently this contact with human misfortune, suffering and distress made a deep impression upon him and led him to an earnest appeal in behalf of their Masonic Home, its enlargement and improvement, which he found to be in a congested condition. He was moved to say:

"Realizing our magnitude as an institution, we should hide our faces in shame should the suffering of the helpless and destitute of Masonry demand relief from any other source than from the hands of our brotherhood.

"An army of twenty-eight thousand enlisted men who would fail to heed the cry of the distressed, or listen to the pleadings of an unfortunate comrade upon a victorious battlefield, with not an enemy left to oppose, should receive and merit the stigma of the world. We cannot afford to take a backward step. Let us go forward in construction until every homeless Masonic orphan, widow and indigent Mason within the Grand Jurisdiction of Tennessee has been comfortably cared for beneath our fraternal shelter."

That the sentiment of Grand Lodge was in sympathy with him was indicated by proposed measures to make desired improvements at the Home and the ultimate purpose thus expressed by its managers:

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“What is sadder in this life than an old man, bent with age, without home or friends, drifting, wandering, asking for bread and receiving a stone? There are aged Masons in Tennessee today who are in just such a plight. The day is not far distant when the Masonic Fraternity in this State will be in a position to say to the brother, who is on the shady side of life, and near the brink of the River, ‘Come and rest your weary bones; here’s a home prepared for you by loving hands, with a prayer that your last days may be free from worry and care and sorrow.’”

He attended the conference of Grand Masters at St. Louis in May, 1914. Tennessee had been requested to confer the Master’s Degree before the gathering; and he had the honor “to select the crew and perform the work.” But as a result of the conference he gave himself unnecessary concern (*i.e.*, to our way of thinking) about its tendency towards a General Grand Lodge, and took the conference too seriously when he expressed his fears and sentiments in these words:

“I may subject myself to severe criticism, but I am so opposed to the establishing of a National Grand Body in Blue Lodge Masonry that any tendency leading to a located and concentrated power arouses such an apprehension within me I cannot reconcile my feelings without giving vent in a spirit of warning.”

A very pleasant episode of this Communication was the presentation by Grand Secretary JOHN BERRY GARRETT, of a magnificent solid gold Grand Master’s jewel, of exquisite workmanship, to be worn by each Grand Master while in office. Brother GARRETT was joyously thanked by a rising vote for his generous gift.

Another pleasing touch of sentiment was the vote to place on the left of the Grand Master, in sessions of Grand Lodge,

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a chair to be thereafter occupied by the senior Past Grand Master.

Among the appropriations was one of \$100 for a portrait of Grand Master BONNER; and one of \$100 to the "Travelers' Aid Society," a non-sectarian organization for the assistance of unprotected young women.

A superior Report on Correspondence was presented by Past Grand Master HENRY A. CHAMBERS, introduced by discussion of various pertinent topics, of which we quote the following:

" CONFERENCES OF GRAND MASTERS—NATIONAL.

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" The Conference of Grand Masters held in St. Louis, in May, 1914, under the auspices of the Grand Master of Missouri and the Lodges of St. Louis, was the largest in point of numbers yet held. According to the reports of those present, and especially of the Grand Master of Missouri, the conference was also the most successful of any that had been held. Several Grand Masters in reporting upon this Conference encourage future Conferences. And so it grows and grows! It is likely to become a permanent institution, and then—a National Grand Lodge! "

Reading between the lines, this might be construed as divergent from Grand Master BONNER's view of a General Grand Lodge; on the other hand it may be an exclamation against it. We don't know the expectations of life of either of the Brothers, but we believe it is a good plan not to worry over a matter which belongs to generations yet unborn!

Another excerpt outlines his view of a nearer possibility in the state of the Craft:

" THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

" We are able, as several times before, to report that the feeling and opinion among Masons is constantly becoming

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stronger that Masons and Masonry should in no sense directly or indirectly encourage the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that the most indirect but intentional aid to the liquor traffic for that purpose, is unmasonic from side to side and from top to bottom."

Pennsylvania (1913) receives acceptable notice in the report and our financial conditions made conspicuous in their large proportions.

TEDA ASHABEL HISEY,	Morristown,	Grand Master.
JOHN BERRY GARRETT,	Nashville,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 255. Membership, 28,300. Gain, 219.

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND Annual Communication, January 26, 1916, at Nashville.

The address of Grand Master T. A. HISEY was concerned with the usual details of the office. He announced the death of Grand Secretary JOHN B. GARRETT, who had served as such for twenty years and was much beloved by his Brethren.

He took measures to suppress a chain letter that had appeared in the Jurisdiction for funds to erect a monument to the late President MCKINLEY, because it had not been authorized by the Grand Lodge, nor had it been sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Referring to the Widows' and Orphans' Home, he stated that the average number of "inmates" the previous year was 164, and the per capita cost of maintenance \$134.28. This is an increase of 20 in numbers and a decrease of \$15.04 in cost, compared with the year before. The Home for Aged and Indigent Master Masons was taken over by Grand Lodge, its remaining debt of \$4,020 assumed, and provision made for its final completion, furnishing and equipment. It appeared to have 16 inmates.

Brother CHAMBERS' Correspondence Report includes

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Pennsylvania (1914) in which he says: "It staggers a poor Tennessee Mason to look over the reports of the large charity funds under the control of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge"; "with which," he continues, "it does a big amount of good."

CHARLES BARHAM,	Nashville,	Grand Master.
STITH M. CAIN,	Nashville,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 884. Membership, 65,809. Gain, 2,430.

EIGHTIETH Annual Communication, December 7, 1915, at Waco.

Texas is the biggest State in the Union; and this Grand Lodge goes one better by publishing the bulkiest volume of Proceedings in the World—over 1,300 pages—and print-paper going to the sky in cost! On the title page we read: "Ordered to be read in all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction for the information of the Brethren." There is plenty of good reading in it, but just the same we pity the Brethren. Of course it is none of our concern, but we have yet to discover the real value and a good reason for publishing the lists of names of more than 65,000 members of Lodges—or any other number, for that matter; these required 543 pages; \$5,000 was appropriated for "Printing Reports of Grand Lodge."

Judged by the reported administration of his office, Grand Master JEWEL P. LIGHTFOOT is a man of superior intellectual and executive ability. Grand Lodge adopted the report of a committee which said, in part: "The Most Worshipful Grand Master gives evidence of his superior wisdom as a learned and accomplished Master of Masonic Art and Science." It is a way they have in Texas—putting men of superior attainments to the front.

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As an illustration of his eloquence and erudition, he called to their feet twenty-eight members of the Grand Lodge, of forty years and upwards (the "Osler" age), and delivered to them an impressive address on the victories of advanced age. As a matter of general knowledge we quote part of it:

"If you eliminate from the world's history the achievements of men past sixty years old, you would blot out much of the grandest achievements of the ages. Art, Science, Literature, Music, Architecture, Statecraft, Jurisprudence, and Religion, would lose the grandest masterpieces and works that have left their imprint upon our civilization.

"Titian, master of Venetian painting, completed his wonderful Battle of Lepanto at the age of ninety-eight.

"Michael Angelo, at eighty-nine, completed the 'Last Judgment'—perhaps the most famous picture in the world—and between the age of sixty and seventy, he executed his world-famous frescoes in the Sistine Chapel at Rome.

"Von Moltke crushed France at seventy-two, and was still Chief of Staff of the German army at eighty-eight.

"John Wesley was at the zenith of his power at the same age.

"Talleyrand, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Calhoun, Bismarck, Benjamin Franklin, and Gladstone, were each political powers at eighty.

"Spencer, Newton, Voltaire, Bancroft, Browning, Grimm, Laplace, Humboldt, and Tennyson, produced their most imperishable works around eighty, at which age Tennyson wrote his immortal 'Crossing the Bar,' the tenderest death-song in the English language.

"Above the age of sixty, Pasteur discovered his cure for hydrophobia; Monroe announced his American Doctrine; Columbus made his voyages of discovery; Wagner, Verdi, and Gounod produced their wonderful music—harmonies which continue to thrill the world.

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“ At the age of sixty, Thomas A. Edison, the wizard of Menlo Park, was keeping the road to the Patent Office hot with his new inventions, which revolutionized mechanics, electrical utilities, and other important fields; and at the age of sixty-eight we witness him called upon to head a Committee of Scientists appointed by this government, to bring to a state of highest efficiency the defensive forces of the nation.”

In his official address, his estimate of Masonry, its objects and aims, is also very good, one thought of which we wish to reproduce:

“ Neither does Masonry endeavor to usurp the place of religion; or seek to draw men away from the altars of the churches. It stretches forth no hand to tear away priestly robes, nor to bestow a protestant gown. It inculcates a belief in the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of man.

“ It teaches men to do unto others that only which they would think it just and merciful for others to do unto them. It strives to brush away the fears, superstitions and ignorance that shackle and enslave the souls of men and free them from spiritual tyranny and despotism, no matter in what creed or religion it may be found.”

His appeal to the Lodges in support of the War Relief Association resulted in contributions of \$2,920.30.

His judicial and administrative acts, including decisions, dispensations, discipline, etc., met the approval of Grand Lodge.

He was somewhat unfortunate in the discussion with the Grand Masters of Louisiana and Kentucky concerning inter-jurisdictional rights and duties. In the case of the former he complained that a Lodge had accepted a candidate who had been previously rejected in Texas. The Grand Master of

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Louisiana showed him that under the existing conditions and the laws and regulations of their Grand Lodge, the Louisiana Lodge was within its rights. In the interest of comity between the Jurisdictions and with confidence in the correctness of the Texas position in the premises, Grand Master LIGHTFOOT suggested that Louisiana should amend its laws to conform thereto!

In the Kentucky case, a Texas Lodge expelled from the "rights and privileges of Masonry" a member of a Kentucky Lodge. Grand Master LIGHTFOOT admitted that Texas had no law recognizing the expulsion of a Texas Mason by a Kentucky Lodge, nor did he, in the interest of comity, encourage the hope that they would enact such a law; whereupon the Kentucky Grand Master declined to accept the expulsion as affecting the status of the accused in his Kentucky Lodge. These cases were referred to the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge for consideration, but we do not find that any action was taken.

He reported the receipt of a letter, dated at Irwin, Pa., purporting to be from the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania," signed by one H. L. Meerhoff, Grand Master. He had forwarded the letter to Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS, who advised him that the pretended Grand Lodge was spurious and clandestine and that he would take the necessary measures to warn all regular Grand Lodges of that fact. The matter was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which reported:

"If ignorance were an excuse for crime, the illiteracy displayed in the letter to the Grand Master from H. L. Meerhoff and C. S. Edman, purporting to be Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively, of a body styling itself 'The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania,' would carry

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its own defense *on its face*. At any rate, it does carry its own exposure as a very weak and contemptible effort at fraud and imposition.

“The name and style of the regular body in that State, the one founded by Benjamin Franklin, is the ‘Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.’

“We will reiterate the warning advice of our Grand Master that the subordinate bodies in this Grand Jurisdiction take notice of these adventurers and be governed accordingly.”

The Grand Master made two recommendations. One was to provide a secretary for the Grand Master, to relieve him of increasing routine duties; it was not approved. The second was to the effect that the detailed reports of Committee on Grievances and Appeals be omitted from the printed Proceedings, to economize space therein and save cost of printing. To some extent he was influenced by “criticisms by Foreign Correspondents of other Grand Jurisdictions” on the subject. Grand Lodge agreed to it. Perhaps the said Foreign Correspondents may, in the interest of their own convenience and comfort, induce Texas to reduce the bulk of Proceedings along other lines!

The report of the Masonic Orphans’ Home is elaborate, and embellished with attractive photo illustrations of the buildings. October 1, 1915, the residents numbered 112 boys and 101 girls. The per capita cost of maintenance for the year was \$200; total assets of the Home were estimated at \$504,846.18.

Grand Lodge voted \$100 for membership and a place on the Charter Roll of Honor of the Washington Memorial Association.

A Brother offered a resolution to render ineligible for office in a Lodge anyone guilty of profane swearing. Jurispru-

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dence Committee, reporting on the same, said something which we are constrained to here append, which we believe should have the endorsement of all self-respecting members of the Craft:

“Masonry has all the legislation on this subject necessary, and additional legislation cannot add anything to the condemnation of such vices. What is needed is enforcement of the laws. If any lodge should so far forget its Masonic duties as to not only fail to punish the profane swearer, but elevate him to office, it would be sufficient ground upon which to arrest its charter.

“There is perhaps no more inexcusable vice than that of profaning the name of Him who created and has preserved and blessed us, and the laws of Freemasonry against it should be rigidly enforced, and the Mason who habitually indulges in such vice has never comprehended the lessons of veneration for the name of God, or has a contemptuous disregard for them. In either event he should be so disciplined as to destroy the vice or he should be deprived of his Masonic rights and privileges.”

Correspondence Report by Past Grand Master GEORGE W. TYLER is also voluminous (351 pages); but it, too, bids you “stop, look and listen”—not for danger, but for pleasure and profit. He says the size of their Proceedings just can’t be helped; that we should remember that Texas is a “vast and glorious State,” and they “can’t squeeze Grand Lodge doings between the lids of a birthday almanac.” ’Nough said!

Reviewing Pennsylvania (1914) Grand Master WILLIAMS is approvingly quoted, as well as generous excerpts from reports on Masonic Home and Library.

Special reports from Brother TYLER’s committee deal with the new Grand Lodge of France—recognition was de-

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ferred; the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which was given recognition; and the protest of the "Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines" against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, which protest was overruled and denied, for the same reasons as adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

DAN S. McMILLIN,	Whitewright,	Grand Master.
W. B. PEARSON,	Waco,	Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1915-1916.

Lodges, 19. Membership, 2,355. Gain, 154.

FORTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, January 19, 1915, at Ogden.

We desire to add our voice to the reviewers' chorus of thanks to the Grand Secretary of Utah's Grand Lodge for the marginal page references; we are the beneficiaries above all others. Grand Secretaries, all, go and do likewise!

Grand Master JAMES WILLIAM CHERRY turned over to the Grand Lodge the appeal of the War Relief Association with the suggestion that no mistake could be made by giving freely to the relief of the war victims. On the margin of the page is the notation, "Com. on C., Page 46"; and referring to page 46, we find that the Committee on Charity recommended that \$300 be appropriated "for the relief of the sufferers of the European War." And there you are! Five minutes saved in searching for final disposition of the matter! We commend the plan to Texas especially.

The Grand Master reported the Lodges to be in "excellent moral and financial condition"; that "in this commonwealth Freemasonry is an efficient moral force which is constantly directing men towards better citizenship, larger charity,

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higher morality and nobler manhood." Therefore, Freemasonry is "making good" in Utah.

The revenues of the Grand Lodge for the year were \$4,221.42 and the expenses \$3,139.80; the Charity Fund was \$4,494. A committee appointed to investigate the feasibility or advisability of starting a Masonic Home Fund reported that they had received advices from thirty Grand Lodges on the cost, organization, methods of raising funds, etc., and with only one or two exceptions, they were advised against building a Masonic Home with the small membership in this Jurisdiction. Therefore the proposition was abandoned.

Grand Lodge voted \$100 to become a member of the Washington Memorial Association.

Past Grand Master CHARLES B. JACK, of Salt Lake City, died June 4, 1914. He was the "Grand Correspondent" and an active leader in Grand Lodge affairs, was "distinguished by originality of view-point and thought, subtlety of humor and striking perspicacity."

Past Grand Master SAM HENRY GOODWIN took up the correspondence task with "reluctance and hesitation" (we know how he felt) and without "attempt to wear Saul's armor, or to draw the bow of Ulysses." But he can draw a strong bow of his own; in other words, his first report is of a high order. In discussing the relation of Masonry to the liquor business he declined to be classed as an extremist on the subject, but continued:

"Our only purpose in mentioning the subject is to emphasize our belief that if the Constituent Lodges—in Grand Lodge assembled—wish to place a ban upon all who are engaged in the business of making a living by destroying the homes, and families, and well being of their fellow men, they have a perfect right to do so, and such action ought not to subject them to ridicule, or to sarcastic flings, or to a holier

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than thou ' assumption on the part of those who have no such legislation in their Codes."

Pennsylvania (1913) is reported to good advantage. Some of our titles and methods of procedure sound strange to him—because they are different from others; he should be pleased that he has found a new variety.

WILLIAM JAY SHEALY, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.
FREEMAN A. McCARTY, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 20. Membership, 2,473. Gain, 118.

FORTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, January 18, 1916,
at Salt Lake City.

Grand Master WILLIAM J. SHEALY reported all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction "in splendid condition morally and financially." Many lectures on Masonic subjects were given by members with profitable results. He thought that too much time was consumed in the work of conferring the degrees and not enough to social and educational features. An effort was made at this meeting to permit an abridgment of degree work—especially the lectures—but Grand Lodge did not favor it and it did not prevail.

Grand Lodge voted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Brother GOODWIN'S second Correspondence Report gives a good running account of Pennsylvania (1914) in which he refers to the address of Grand Master WILLIAMS, saying: "He does not, however, give any satisfactory explanation of the existence of the monstrosity of 'Perpetual Jurisdiction.' " He should read it again, more carefully; and although not satisfactory to him, it is quite understandable and appears to satisfy the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

CHARLES CLIFTON GRIGGS, Eureka, Grand Master.
FREEMAN A. McCARTY, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 103. Membership, 14,055. Gain, 181.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 9, 1915, at Burlington.

Grand Master CHARLES H. DARLING reported that "the growth of the Order has been steady, healthy and uninterrupted." He took occasion to say that he had visited every State in the Union, but none of them (and these are his words) "had anything on Vermont" for peace, comfort, good order and well being of its people.

He reported the permanent charity fund at \$2,432.14. In discussing the wisdom of Grand Lodge in establishing this fund he gave a list of the Lodges and the amount expended by each for charitable purposes, aggregating \$2,764.86. He stated that 60 per cent. of the entire population of Vermont has savings in the banks and trust companies, and their Masons are chosen from the stronger and better part of the population. Therefore, the calls for charity are not large from their members at home. The greater number comes from those who have been absent from the State for years, who have come to want and apply to their Lodges for relief. It appears to be the practice to appropriate a certain amount from the Grand Lodge charity fund every year and distribute it among the Lodges in proportion to the amount expended by each.

We rather commend his motive in recommending the repeal of a resolution which provided that the Proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association be printed as a part of the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. He argued that it opened the door to other bodies associated with Masonry to ask and expect the same privilege, at the expense of the Grand Lodge—for instance, Chapter, Council and Shrine. Perhaps there is a wide difference and, as he said, that view of it is only incidental; but, as he further urged, it was somewhat anomalous to intrude upon the records of the

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Grand Lodge the records of another body to which the greater number of Masons were not eligible; that the Grand Lodge records should be kept pure and independent of all others.

Led by the Jurisprudence Committee, however, Grand Lodge did not agree with him. They took the position that the Veteran Association should be considered a "roll of honor" of Masons who "bear a sufficiently intimate relation to the activities of this Grand Lodge as to warrant its recognition in the manner under consideration without establishing a precedent, etc." They agreed, however, that the Veterans' Proceedings should not be entered "as a part of" Grand Lodge Proceedings, but should be published as an appendix to, or together with, the latter.

Report on Correspondence was written by Brother MARSH O. PERKINS, Past Grand Master, in which Pennsylvania (1914) was fraternally reviewed. We regret to have learned, through indirect sources, that Brother PERKINS died February 10, 1916. He was no doubt the best known Mason of Vermont, an able leader and a virile writer, long in the service. His death leaves a vacancy that may be hard to fill.

CHARLES H. DARLING,	Burlington,	Grand Master.
HENRY H. ROSS,	Burlington,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 103. Membership, 14,241. Gain, 186.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD Annual Conclave, June 14, 1916, at Burlington.

Among the conspicuous men of Vermont is Judge CHARLES HIAL DARLING, A.B., LL.D., scholar, orator and statesman, whose fame is not confined to the valleys of his home State, but is known to the nation which he has served with signal ability. Of such men this Grand Lodge makes Grand Masters.

His official address is of a high order, in literary merit and grasp of the essentials of the Masonic Institution. Referring to Masonic charity, he said:

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“ In this respect I have been impressed with a notion that obtains among some Masons and, occasionally, in some jurisdictions, that the masonic institution is an insurance company and that the payment of dues is a sort of an insurance against accident and sickness, and that the question of whether the brother is worthy or whether he comes to want by reason of vicious and, perhaps, criminal habits does not enter into the case. No theory can be farther from the truth than such a theory. Our dues are not based upon the amount required as an insurance premium, and it is one of the first rules and one of the earliest taught that in the disposition of charity, the brother shall apply to us as such and we find him worthy. And while I do not advocate the dodging of issues nor technical excuses to satisfy the conscience, and while I uphold the universality of masonic charity, it is good for brethren to remember that charity is a voluntary offering on the one hand, and that the brother must maintain his worthiness on the other. The thought that we may some day have a well filled treasury that is easily within the reach of the unworthy is not to be tolerated.”

He referred to the death of Past Grand Master MARSH O. PERKINS, who was the chairman of the Correspondence Committee, paid a tribute to his abilities and estimable qualities, and took the occasion to analyze the present general system of Correspondence Reports and what he considered its shortcomings, “ which,” he said, “ can hardly be exaggerated in some Jurisdictions.” His judgment is: “ The real purpose of this report is to show the progress and accomplishments of the institution throughout the world in a given year, and affords opportunity for the highest quality of literary ability.” No doubt he is right; but he left open the question, what character of events or facts are to be reported to “ show the progress and accomplishments of the institution ”? Apparently he wants that kind which appeal to the savant rather than to the

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ordinary seeker for news. He recommended the method of Brother RALPH C. McALLISTER of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington as "a fair model"; whereupon Grand Lodge voted the suggestion that hereafter its Correspondence Reports "be limited to matters of general interest and importance, and arranged under topical headings." Brother DARLING predicted that "the old system will be changed or the report on foreign correspondence will be abandoned altogether."

The Correspondence Report of Past Grand Master KITTREDGE HASKINS, who succeeded to the vacant post, is along the lines of the "old system," and judged by that standard it is a very good one. His aim was "to give the readers of this Report an insight into the doings of other Grand Lodges in comparison with our own." As he has only made a beginning, it will be easy for him, in the future, to avoid the common habit and conform to the wishes of his Grand Lodge. But with his expressed purpose in view, we doubt that he may accomplish it according to the proposed new method.

He gives a good account of Pennsylvania (1915)—"the wealthiest Jurisdiction in the world"—and quotes from the addresses of outgoing Grand Master WILLIAMS and incoming Grand Master WATRES.

HENRY H. ROSS,	Burlington,	Grand Master.
FRANK A. ROSS,	Burlington,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 213. Membership, 14,554.

For the benefit of the casual investigator of geography, we may explain that the territorial Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is a part of Australia.

Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge were held at Melbourne, March 18th, June 17th, September 16th, Decem-

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ber 16th and a Special Communication was held for the installation of officers and the celebration of the "semi-jubilee" of the Grand Lodge. An artistic souvenir booklet was issued for the last mentioned occasion, which contains a picture of Freemasons' Hall at Melbourne—a handsome and commodious structure—and portraits of the distinguished men who have made Masonic history for Victoria, including the newly-installed Grand Master, Hon. C. CARTY-SALMON, a fine, up-standing specimen of manhood, bearing the strong, intellectual countenance of a commanding leader.

An unusual incident is found in the record: After passing "a satisfactory examination," one James Silcock was admitted as a visitor to a Lodge and witnessed the third degree. He afterwards admitted that he was not a Freemason, but was willing to be made one. The Grand Master prohibited the initiation of the man and warned the Lodges against him. Subsequently the Grand Lodge adopted a regulation to prevent such contretemps, by requiring proof of identity and other vouchers before admitting visitors.

A large amount of routine business was transacted at the several meetings, and addresses presented on Masonic subjects of a high order of excellence.

An offer was received from the Oxford University Press to furnish for each initiate a separate Bible, upon which he alone should be obligated, and for presentation to him after taking the third degree. Two reasons were given for the plan: first, hygienic; second, the privilege of the initiate possessing the Bible upon which he was obligated. Grand Lodge decided to consult the Lodges whether they desired to adopt the practice.

Grand Lodge had in its General Fund approximately \$40,000; in its Benevolent Fund, \$175,000. To the Patriotic Fund being raised in Melbourne \$1,200 was donated; the Lodges were also contributing to the fund—about \$3,500 to that date.

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Grand Lodge closed with the National Anthem.

At the Quarterly of March 17, 1915, it was reported that an order had been placed for 2,000 Bibles for the purpose above referred to.

Speaking of the state of the Craft and surrounding conditions, the Grand Master said in his address:

“ We are on the eve, I believe, of times which call for the exhibition of the greatest courage and supreme fortitude, and I trust we will meet the occasion with strength and prudence. I want you to be temperate in word and action, and, above all, in expenditure. Never was there a time when the British Empire had been called upon to exercise true domestic economy like the present. I ask you to reduce your expenditure on pleasures. Even if the box at the theatre be replaced by a seat at the picture show, there must still be moderation. Let the glare of the stage lights be discarded, and more social intercourse exist between man and man, and family and family. We must go back to simpler conditions, and, above all, we must put a stop to this waste and wicked expenditure, and the attendant increase in the cost of living. If the 16,000 of us in this territory, extending from the Murray to the sea, exercise our power and influence in this direction, surely we can have a great effect on the rest of the community.

“ May I express a hope that, with regard to Masonic life, our progress may be greater than ever. Do not go out with the idea of breaking records, but go out with the idea of increasing in the knowledge and practice of those Masonic virtues which we are taught to admire.

“ Let us always remember that our duty does not end with the members of the Craft. It certainly begins with ourselves and our brethren; but those virtues should reach and influence all those with whom we come in contact, so that, at the last, peace, love and harmony should reign supreme in a world where the true brotherhood of man has complete recognition.”

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At the Quarterly of September the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was given recognition.

Financial reports of the December meeting showed the Benevolent Fund then amounting to \$193,985, and the Patriotic Fund \$21,335.

Proceedings contains a Roll of Honor—members of Lodges who had to that date entered the military service; 186 Lodges were represented and the number approximated 825. The wounded, killed and died in the service are noted.

HON. CHARLES CARTY-SALMON, Melbourne, Grand Master.

CHARLES JAMES BARROW, Melbourne, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA—1915-1916.

Lodges, 319. Membership, 24,734. Gain, 647.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, February 9, 1915, at Richmond.

On account of illness Grand Master PHILIP K. BAUMAN was not present to preside. His official address said: "Our numbers are greater than ever before, our financial condition is the best we have ever known and I would feign persuade myself that our Masonry is to-day on a higher plane in all particulars." Cases for discipline were rare; the Brethren were becoming more and more studious of Masonic literature and history; a thorough knowledge of the ritual was more wide-spread; peace and harmony prevailed. Indeed, so smoothly did Grand Lodge affairs run that he had very little but routine matters to report.

Rather than to respond to appeals for the relief of the war sufferers—War Relief Association, presumably—he chose to co-operate with the Governor's plans for sending a ship of supplies for the Belgians. He caused one hundred barrels of flour to be sent as a part of the ship's cargo.

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He discouraged the establishment of another Masonic Home, and believed that their aged Masons should be relieved by a Grand Lodge charity fund, as more economical and "more kindly, in that it leaves the beneficiary more independent and among his own people," and for the further reason that "institutional life cannot be happy life." At the suggestion of a committee having the project in hand, Grand Lodge practically abandoned it; at least it was deferred and the committee discharged.

The Masonic Home (for children) was reported to have a roll of 37 girls and 33 boys; it was full to capacity; must be enlarged and needs a hospital. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should provide funds for these improvements and enlargements.

Grand Lodge endorsed the report of Correspondence Committee in favor of recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the new Grand Lodge of France. In the latter case they were influenced by the favorable action of the Grand Lodge of England, "which reports that the Holy Bible is now displayed on its altars," which was not the case with the Grand Orient—the old Grand Lodge of France.

A very full and complete Correspondence Report came from Past Grand Master JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON—his eighteenth. He claims the right—and implies the duty—to criticize—but disclaims any "thought of offense to any Mason." And he wishes it to be understood that he does not "mind criticism himself." Therefore, in the language of the street, he is "a good sport."

Pennsylvania (1913) receives liberal attention, copious excerpts appearing from our Grand Master's report and our late Brother LAMBERTON'S Correspondence Report. Speaking of our methods of teaching the ritual he says:

"We do not believe that, among the Masons of the few jurisdictions that over-ride their obligations, and resort to

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ciphers and printed Rituals, there is anything like the proportion of expert and literally accurate Ritualists that is to be found in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the other States that adhere to our ancient 'mouth to ear' system. An unanswerable argument, even if there were none higher and better, is the fact that, now that the bards of the Scottish Clans are extinct, we are the only oral teaching organization on earth. Hoary antiquity is a valued feature of Freemasonry, and modern iconoclasts should not be permitted to impair our glory."

JAMES B. WOOD,	Charlottesville,	Grand Master.
CHARLES A. NESBITT,	Richmond,	Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 324. Membership, 25,531. Gain, 797.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, February 9, 1916, at Richmond, Deputy Grand Master JAMES A. CABELL presiding by reason of the illness and absence of Grand Master JAMES B. WOOD. Distinguished visitors were Past Grand Masters JOHN H. COWLES, of Kentucky, and J. CLAUDE KEIPER, of Washington, D. C., both of whom are officers of the Washington Memorial Association, and who appear to have made such a good impression upon the Grand Lodge that it pledged \$5,000 to the funds of the project.

The official address of the Grand Master was read, which dealt with the usual details of the office.

Grand Lodge is in good financial condition—assets, \$176,974.81; liabilities, none.

From the report of the Masonic Home it appears that substantial improvements were made during the year at a cost of about \$15,000. At date of report 39 girls and 35 boys were at the Home.

According to the Correspondence Report of Brother

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EGGLESTON, there are more than one thousand Masons in Virginia letter perfect in their whole ritual, and not a cipher in existence. That is a condition to be mighty proud of. Pennsylvania can make the same boast as to absence of cipher, but we fear to claim the same proportion of the membership letter perfect in the whole ritual, although our Schools of Instruction are turning out graduates pretty fast.

Pennsylvania (1914) gets ample notice and Grand Master WILLIAMS freely quoted. The death of Brother LAMBERTON is referred to with this tribute: "We often differed, sometimes strenuously, but personally he was as gentle as a woman and as true as steel." Sorry we cannot bestow more attention upon Brother EGGLESTON's report; a lot of good things are in it; but time and space forbid.

JAMES ALSTON CABELL,	Columbia,	Grand Master.
CHARLES A. NESBITT,	Richmond,	Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON—1915.

Lodges, 197. Membership, 20,724. Gain, 1,182.

FIFTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, June 8, 1915, at North Yakima.

In an address of welcome, the Mayor of the city—a Mason—told the members of Grand Lodge that, as Masons, they could not "be anything else but men of high character and pure and noble citizenship"; but as a precaution against possible exceptions, he assured them that the chief of police was a leader in Masonry, and if any of them got "pinched," he would "see that all fines and imprisonment are promptly relinquished"!

The official report of Grand Master WILLIAM J. SUTTON accounted for four new Lodges constituted, and dispensations

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for three. His appeal for contributions to the War Relief Association resulted in \$4,230.40—a goodly sum.

The Grand Secretary reported the receipts for the General Fund to be \$8,000 in excess of expenditures, and recommended a reduction of the per capita tax. Grand Lodge did not concur, however. His suggestion that the “Roster of Lodges and Membership” be omitted from the printed Proceedings, in the interest of economy, was approved.

On recommendation of Brother RALPH C. McALLASTER, an appropriation of \$100 was made for membership in the Washington Memorial Association, and it was determined to ascertain if a further reasonable sum would be accepted as a memorial to the late Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Brother THOMAS MILBURN REED.

A lively discussion followed the report of a committee on the preparation of a Monitor, in which it was proposed to insert certain portions of the unwritten work. Be it said to the credit of Grand Lodge that the proposal was rejected.

The Masonic Home report showed a population of 37. The cost of maintenance for the ensuing year was estimated at \$12,500. The Home is taxed to its capacity and it is proposed to enlarge it.

A pleasing incident occurred in Grand Lodge when a few personal friends of Grand Master SUTTON presented him with a gold watch and fob, in testimony of their affection for him.

Report on Correspondence by Past Grand Master RALPH C. McALLASTER is constructed “to congregate the comments on various subjects of Masonic interest under appropriate headings, and combine with them any thought of the writer on the subject.” It is very good of its kind.

ROBERT L. SEBASTIAN,	Aberdeen,	Grand Master.
HORACE W. TYLER,	Tacoma,	Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 90. Membership, 4,119. Gain, 77.

QUARTERLY Communication, at Kalgoorlie, July 23, 1914; Quarterlies at Perth, October 22, 1914, and January 28, 1915; and Annual Communication at Perth, April 22, 1915; Grand Master, the Right Rev. C. O. L. RILEY, D.D., V.D., Lord Bishop of Perth, presiding.

As in all other Jurisdictions in the British Empire, we find in the Proceedings many references to the war in Europe. By way of this far-off country we learn something of the Masonic organization of Germany, its relation with the Craft in England, and its reported attitude towards international peace. We take the space to present it here as a matter of general information and as the view-point of our Australian Brethren:

“Of late years a great effort has been made to bring about a better understanding between English and German Freemasons, with the ultimate object of improving the relationship of the two countries. In this laudable endeavour the name of Lord Ampthill, the Pro Grand Master of England, stands out prominently, and it was only last year that accompanied by Lord Raglan and Sir John Cockburn (formerly of South Australia) and others, he paid a round of visits to the three Grand Lodges in Berlin, where they were received with every mark of respect and enthusiasm. Previously the German Grand Masters had visited London with the same object in view, and, needless to say, hospitality was showered upon them from every quarter, and they returned to their own country fully convinced, I believe, that deep down in England's Masonic heart there existed a sincere fraternal wish for a truer understanding with the German people.

“When these festivities were over an exchange of presents

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took place to further cement the good feeling that had been established.

“Of course, I am fully aware that the Freemasons of Germany could have done nothing to prevent this war, and I do believe that all those with the true Masonic spirit deplore the great calamity as much as we do ourselves, but the attitude of the Prussian Grand Lodges towards the ‘Peace’ movement is, to say the least of it, disconcerting, and, I might add, disappointing. As to what part they have played, I quote from the French Masonic Journal *Le Symbolisme*:—

“‘. . . . We had not believed that matters could be carried so far. We had so often been told that Wilhelm the Peacemaker was imbued in the highest degree with the sense of his responsibilities that we believed in him. “As long as he lives there can be no war” had become an axiom, and from this we developed an obstinate optimism which argued that all would come right at the last moment.

“‘The surprise was certainly not so great on the German side. For a long time past the three Prussian Grand Masters seemed to have shared the secrets of high councils, and thus we have an explanation of their attitude, hostile to “peace” which they assumed when submitting to the Annual Diet of German Grand Masters the following resolution:

“‘It is within the province of Freemasonry to intervene in all phases of human life as a medium of peace and conciliation. It is therefore its duty to bring every civilized people to an understanding of, and respect for, the peculiarities of other peoples, and to prepare a pacific solution of unavoidable conflicts. But the activities of Masonic organizations must be limited in these matters to an education of its members in the spirit of Freemasonry, so that they may spread the idea of peace as widely as possible. Any other mode of activity would result in political tendencies, to which Masonry, by the terms of its fundamental principles, must remain foreign. It does not, therefore, belong to the domain of Masonry to

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support directly the modern pacific movement, called "*Pacifism*." Therefore, this Diet of Grand Lodges invites the German Grand Lodges, Lodges and Masonic Associations *to abstain from expressing any opinion in favour of Pacifism*. The Brethren will not be individually forbidden to adhere to "*Pacifism*" on condition that they are not on such occasions to be publicly known as Freemasons.'

" ' This proposition was opposed by the five non-Prussian German Lodges. The Prussian Grand Masters then thought fit to forbid the Lodges under their several Jurisdictions any further official participation in the International Masonic Conference then being held. Was there not in this anti-pacific attitude an exaggerated fear of touching the domain of politics? It appears rather that Berlin knew the projects of their Imperial Government.' "

Financial statements showed a balance in the General Fund of \$30,000; Benevolent Fund \$28,000; and Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund \$43,000.

In the Correspondence Report is found a notice of the doings of Pennsylvania (1913) by Brother A. C. McCallum, one of the committee. He speaks approvingly of us except, perhaps, he seems to fear that we are not living closely enough to the principle of "quality rather than quantity," judging from the number of reported "suspensions and exclusions, principally N.P.D." This, however, he finds to be the case in many other Jurisdictions, in some cases worse than Pennsylvania. We submit that suspension for non-payment of dues does not prove his conclusion; and it is no just criticism of the quality of a Lodge membership. We need not go into an argument to sustain the point, because we believe it is too obvious.

RT. REV. C. O. L. RILEY,
J. D. STEVENSON,

Perth,
Perth,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 97. Membership, 4,108. Gain, 11.

Grand Master CHARLES OWEN LEAVER RILEY, Archbishop of Perth, presided at the Annual Communication of April 27, 1916, and at the previous Quarterlies. In his addresses to Grand Lodge on these occasions he devoted a great deal of attention to the war. Incidentally, he referred to suspicions and charges "in certain quarters," that Freemasonry is a danger to the Navy and Army; that it might engender some sort of revolutionary propaganda. Then he named the host of naval and military heroes from NELSON to KEPPEL, and from WELLINGTON to KITCHENER, who were all Freemasons and whose patriotism and loyalty were beyond reproach. Lord COMBERMERE, a General under WELLINGTON, is quoted as saying: "As a military man I can say, and I speak from experience, that I have known many soldiers who were Masons. I never knew a good Mason who was a bad soldier."

The doings of Grand Lodge related principally to internal affairs.

In the Correspondence Report Pennsylvania (1914) is reviewed by Brother A. C. McCALLUM, quoting freely from the address of Grand Master WILLIAMS.

CHARLES O. L. RILEY,	Perth,	Grand Master.
J. D. STEVENSON,	Perth,	Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA—1915.

Lodges, 150. Membership, 18,827. Gain, 1,073.

FIFTY-FIRST Annual Communication, November 10, 1915, at Fairmont.

The official address of Grand Master WILLIAM T. ICE, JR., reported the doings of his office, such as dispensations, corner-

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stone layings, visitations and decisions, all of which were approved by Grand Lodge—equivalent to saying “well done good and faithful servant.”

He was “led to believe that Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is in a healthy state.” Speaking of Masonry’s distinct peculiarity, not to solicit members, he quite aptly said:

“The best Mason you may know does solicit men to seek admission into the Order. Not by word of mouth, but by reason of the fact that others seeing his good deeds, observing his daily life, characterized by high aims and an interest in the welfare of his fellow man, are influenced to gain a knowledge of those truths which tend to improve and ennoble their possessor. He who exemplifies in life the principles of Masonry will irresistibly draw men unto the Order.”

As this was the close of the fiftieth year of the Grand Lodge, a record of the event was made with a carefully prepared historical address by the chairman of Correspondence Committee, Past Grand Master Judge GEORGE W. ATKINSON. This Grand Lodge came into being as the inevitable result of the Civil War and the creation of West Virginia as a sovereign State, June 20, 1863. At that date thirty-three Lodges existed in the territory now West Virginia, as a part of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The conditions of Masonic organizations became demoralized during the war; Lodge meetings could not be held and in some cases Lodge property had to be removed for safety, and in others furniture, jewels, etc., were mislaid, lost or destroyed. Such conditions continued until December, 1863, when the scenes of warfare were removed from nearly all of West Virginia. Then the Masons of the new State determined to form a Grand Lodge, which was finally consummated April 12, 1865. Until December 16, 1868, the Grand Lodge of Virginia refused to recognize the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, claiming that as the State

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of West Virginia had been illegally created, so was this Grand Lodge. But on that date reconciliation occurred, as the result of diplomatic handling of the situation by the Brethren of West Virginia, and recognition was granted—as it had been previously by most of the American Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge has an Educational Fund, from which assistance to the amount of \$500 was rendered to several children of deceased Masons ambitious to improve their education.

In the interest of economy and to reduce the “unwieldy” size of Proceedings, it was voted to omit printing records of Special Communications. They might have gone farther and cut out the rosters of Lodges—over 200 pages.

Before closing, Grand Lodge passed a resolution of acknowledgment and appreciation of courtesies tendered its officers and committees by the local Lodge of Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

So far as a novice is competent to judge, Brother ATKINSON'S Correspondence Report is one of the ablest of the year. He is known by high authority as a man “of acute intellectual intuition” and a “sound Masonic jurist,” as well as a forcible writer on Masonic subjects, of broad and comprehensive views. His “Concluding Remarks” testify to the foregoing characterization and are especially interesting. His discussion of the relation of GEORGE WASHINGTON to Masonry is a sufficient refutation of the claims, from certain religious quarters, that WASHINGTON was not a loyal Mason or that before his death his attachment to, and approval of the Institution receded.

He refers to a suggestion made in a Masonic publication that a commission of Past Grand Masters be selected to consider and submit their conclusions to the various Grand Lodges upon the following controverted, or now agreed-upon, Masonic questions or matters, which have been discussed, pro and con, by Masonic writers for many years:

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“ 1. Is not documentary evidence, as now used in many Grand Jurisdictions, unnecessary, a questionable innovation against long established usage and custom, if not a violation of a Landmark ?

“ 2. What is fundamentally necessary and requisite for recognition of Grand Lodges ?

“ 3. Must the Landmark as to physical qualifications, as defined by Mackey, be strictly observed and adhered to ?

“ 4. Have Supreme Councils of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite any lawful authority and control over the symbolic degrees ?

“ 5. Determine the number of Landmarks.

“ 6. Determine the most equitable and effective laws to solve the liquor question.

“ 7. Does the adoption by a Grand Lodge of a cipher key, and its use by its subordinates, violate any Masonic obligation, and is its use a violation of any ancient Landmark ? ”

Referring to No. 7 of the above, every Pennsylvania Mason will agree with Brother ATKINSON in saying:

“ No power in earth or sky, or in the waters under the earth, could induce me to agree that it is necessary or allowable, under the obligations I have taken, to consent to the use of ciphers, keys, or mnemonics of any sort whatever as applied to the esoteric or unwritten work of Freemasonry. I will, I trust, be pardoned for making these observations at this time, because Brother ROGERS, in the goodness of his heart, named me as one of the fourteen *elect P. G. M.'s*, whom he regarded as a fit subject for his Commission.”

Pennsylvania (1914) found a place in the report. It appears that our late Brother LAMBERTON also questioned

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the wisdom of printing the rosters of Lodges in Proceedings. Brother ATKINSON gives the reasons for so doing:

“First, it is gratifying to the individual brethren to have their names printed every year; and, second, it is helpful to other Grand Lodges in preventing frauds and impostors from our state imposing upon lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, because it is an easy matter to turn to our lodge rosters and ascertain whether the name of the party asking relief is found in the list of members in the lodge in which he claims membership. Another reason may be given for the annual publication of the names of the members in good standing, namely, it does away with the necessity for the Grand Secretary to keep up a card system of all of our West Virginia members. To inaugurate and keep up such a system, would necessitate the employment of an assistant to the Grand Secretary at an expense, perhaps, as great, or even greater than the cost of printing the names in the annual proceedings. So, there are, after all, two sides to the question to be considered. Inasmuch as the Fraternity is growing rapidly in our state, it may be necessary, however, for us to abandon this time-honored custom.”

We are glad to have this explanation; it is the first we have seen and probably the best that may be made for it. It is really none of our concern what goes into Grand Lodge Proceedings—other than our own—except that we feel the reporter's license to grumble when confronted with pages extraneous to the matter we are looking for. But if the reasons given by Brother ATKINSON are conclusive, why think of ever abandoning it just because the “Fraternity is growing rapidly”? Where is the line to be drawn?

T. WILBUR HENNEN,
JOHN M. COLLINS,

Fairmont,
Martinsburg,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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WISCONSIN—1915-1916.

Lodges, 271. Membership, 30,551. Gain, 1,308.

SEVENTY-FIRST Annual Communication, June 8, 1915,
at Milwaukee.

We have just finished our inspection of the Proceedings of West Virginia and have quoted reasons, found therein, for printing lists of Lodge memberships. We here have, in the official address of Grand Master BERNARD F. KEELER, a view of it from another angle, in which we believe there is much force:

“ In 1908 this Grand Lodge discontinued the printing of the list of members for distribution. The wisdom of this action has been brought forcibly to my attention during the past year. The attempts to exploit private enterprises among Masons, as evidenced by requests for these lists, are numerous and persistent. The wish to turn Masonic membership to commercial advantage seems not to abate, and the action of this body, referred to above, has proven a valuable protection against these impositions. I desire to specially endorse this policy and recommend its continuance.”

We like the Grand Master for his frank confession of dependence upon others of experience in the discharge of his official duties; he expressed his thankfulness for the existence of Grand Secretary WILLIAM W. PERRY “ for it seems as if he were created especially for my use and advantage.”

To his desk came calls for help from the Grand Lodges of Austria, Hungary, Germany, England, France and Belgium; therefore he had not the excuse offered by some Grand Masters for ignoring the war relief situation, that is, no appeals for aid. He spoke of “ an agency purporting to act without authority,” seeking his participation. We wonder if he meant the Masonic War Association. But while real-

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izing that "the need of our Brethren is urgent," he wanted to be "assured that the funds gathered would be properly administered and reach the object for which they were intended." So that, while his "heart stirred with longing to be of assistance," and the most fearful and unprecedented human suffering had been going on for ten months, he did nothing; but turned the problem over to the incoming Grand Master "to gather data and determine the method of distribution." Even charity may sometimes be a laggard!

He congratulated Grand Lodge upon the flattering condition of its finances—invested funds of \$48,200 and a cash balance of \$19,757.46, "with no Masonic obligation unmet and every worthy object of our charity properly cared for." Grand Lodge ordered payments from the Charity Fund aggregating \$2,428.86. Five charitable societies were given \$100 each. It appears that, contingent upon the result of certain litigation pending in the courts, Wisconsin is to have a Masonic Home, through the munificence of Brother WILLARD VAN BRUNT, who is to donate the land and the sum of \$200,000.

Past Grand Master N. M. LITTLEJOHN spoke at length on the desirability of plans for the Masonic instruction of the Brethren and to attract their attendance at Lodge meetings; and at his suggestion this resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That at the meetings of Subordinate Lodges when there is no degree work, the Worshipful Master shall have prepared and introduce exercises of an interesting and instructive character, such as an address, the reading of interesting articles, recitations, music or other proper entertainments calculated to keep the members interested in the work of the order."

Past Grand Master ALDO JENKS, in his Correspondence Report, referring to "war relief," said: "Everywhere the Craft stands ready to afford substantial relief, but wherever

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inquiry has been made we have been informed that assistance is not desired." There seems to be a lack of team work in the information bureau of this Grand Lodge!

He finds a new and unique motive for the attempted movement—in certain quarters—for a General Grand Lodge; it is an ambition of Grand Masters who have reaped all the official honors at home to obtain official gifts and titles in a larger sphere. He likens them to Alexander seeking new worlds to conquer. His observation tells him there is not "a single Grand Lodge that has given its adherence to the scheme."

Reviewing Pennsylvania (1914) Brother JENKS thinks "there are practical objections" which should induce us to abandon our Quarterly Communications and follow the practice of most Grand Lodges in holding but one Communication each year. We will not take the time to repeat them—no doubt we have been so advised before; but probably he has observed that Pennsylvania's ways are different from others in other respects; that we have attained considerable success along lines of our own and therefore see no necessity or demand for changing them. As he admits, in Quarterly Communications we are following an ancient custom; we have adapted ourselves to it; we flourish with—so what's the use of talking about it!

Brother JENKS does not approve of Masonic Homes; they are unduly expensive; and a charity fund such as Wisconsin's, derived from a per capita tax, is preferable "to relieve distressed worthy Brethren that cannot be reached by ordinary charity extended by the Subordinate Lodges." Well, Wisconsin will probably have a Masonic Home of its own, and Brother JENKS can then make better comparisons of all considerations involved. We have an idea he will revise his views.

GEORGE O. KELLOGG,
WILLIAM W. PERRY,

Elkhorn,
Milwaukee,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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Lodges, 274. Membership, 31,866. Gain, 1,315.

SEVENTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 13, 1916,
at Milwaukee.

Grand Master GEORGE O. KELLOGG's address is a brief review of his administration. From his decisions we learn that clergymen in Wisconsin receive no favors, on account of their profession, in respect to the payment of fees for the degrees. He was also called upon to rule that, in the case of a Roman Catholic petitioner for the degrees, if he be "a good man and true, and has faith in God and if he is desirable material otherwise, his religion should not be a bar."

This being Flag Day, Grand Lodge was thrilled by Brother CHARLES E. WHELAN, Past Grand Master, who entered the meeting bearing an American flag and delivered an oration that aroused the keenest patriotic enthusiasm of the Brethren.

Brother JENKS' Correspondence Report is dedicated to "the thinking members of the Craft with the hope that they may find something in it to repay them for its perusal." They surely can. In his notice of Pennsylvania (1915) he paid a fitting tribute to the memory of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, saying: "His reviews were always erudite, scholarly and altruistic. He was beloved by all who knew him, and both father and son were ornaments of our Fraternity."

CYRUS S. STOCKWELL,	Neillsville,	Grand Master.
WILLIAM W. PERRY,	Milwaukee,	Grand Secretary.

WYOMING—1915.

Lodges, 34. Membership, 3,316. Gain, 126.

FORTY-FIRST Annual Communication, September 8, 1915,
at Casper.

Grand Master J. J. JEWETT reported that, after a service of nearly thirty years, Grand Secretary WILLIAM L. KUYKEN-

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DALL had passed away. Grand Lodge placed on record a suitable memorial from which we take the following tribute to his ability and faithfulness:

“As Grand Secretary, his duties invariably received prompt and careful attention, and he was at all times faithful and conscientious in the discharge of every trust committed to his care. As Grand Correspondent, he brought to his department a broad knowledge of the laws and ethics of the Institution, at once taking rank with older and more experienced writers, and giving to Masonry and the Grand Lodge, which he represented, a dignity which commanded the respect of the Masonic world.”

The Grand Master gave a certificate of good character to the Masonic War Relief Association, endorsed its plans and methods and appreciated the fact that “Masonry is world-wide and the principles we teach are those which help everyday persons”; that the opportunities for charity should be met with promptness, etc. However, Proceedings does not disclose that he did anything to help the funds of the War Relief Association; neither did the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge voted \$100 for membership in the Washington Memorial Association.

The new Grand Secretary, Brother J. M. LOWNDES, prepared the Correspondence Report, which is somewhat abridged on account of the unfortunate confusion in the Grand Secretary's office caused by the death of Grand Secretary KUYKENDALL. Pennsylvania (1914) is in his list and a very good report given of our Communications of the year.

W. H. DICKINSON,
J. M. LOWNDES,

Lander,
Casper,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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AMONG the conspicuous topics of discussion appearing in the Proceedings of Grand Lodges for the year is that of Masonic Education.

Attracted by the leadership of Iowa, Indiana and such Jurisdictions as have begun to put it into concrete form, Grand Masters and Grand Lodges have had much to say about the desirability of forming study clubs, lecture bureaus, travelling libraries, conversations, etc., for a better acquaintance with Masonic tradition, literature, law and philosophy and a better understanding and appreciation of Masonic symbolism, a lack of which, on the part of the average Mason, is generally recognized.

This is all very commendable, and wherever practicable is worthy of earnest effort and support. But Masonic education should not stop there—at the intellectual, academic side of the subject. It is very interesting to speculate upon the origin of Masonry; to delve into archæology and uncover the ancient mysteries to ascertain the relative merits of claims for the ancient Egyptian rites, the ceremonies of the followers of Confucius, or whether our Masonry is derived from the Jews and the building of Solomon's Temple. It is a mental pleasure and profit to analyze and interpret Masonic symbolism; to trace our Masonic obligation to the Jews for a religion based on one True and Living God, Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient—God the Father; to determine how much or how little we owe to the Jews for science, art, architecture and philosophy. It may be engaging to investigate the history and evolution of ritualism, Landmarks and jurisprudence; these may evolve the scientific Mason. But they fall short of desired completeness in his culture and efficiency in relation to Masonry's right to existence as an element of modern society. He must be taught the altruistic side of Masonry; the true meaning of Brotherhood; that he should not, like the

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Stoic, practice virtue for its own sake; that the hope of society lies in service as well as sacrifice. His mind should be trained to think in terms of sympathy, beneficence; that to help, aid and assist a worthy Brother with an encouraging word and helping hand is what Masonry stands for. We recommend, for another course of study, the financial statements of Grand Lodges showing the sums dispensed in charity. A pilgrimage to the Elizabethtown Masonic Home will do as much to develop the "efficient" Mason in Pennsylvania as a library on the ancient rites and the traditions and philosophy of Masonry. That is practical Masonic education.

MEMORIAL TO WASHINGTON, THE MASON.

Another subject prominently and frequently presented is the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, the object of which is to erect at Alexandria, Virginia, a memorial temple to WASHINGTON, the Mason. The American Grand Lodges have very generally endorsed the project, a large majority have become charter members of the Association, and a number of them have donated considerable sums of money to its funds. The movement is now beyond the experimental state and its ultimate success appears to be assured. The Fraternity in the United States will do itself honor, and at the same time accomplish a stroke of good policy, by consummating this challenge—in tangible, concrete form—that the Greatest American was not only a patron of the Masonic Institution and endorsed its principles, aims and purposes, but was also an active worker in it.

MASONRY AND THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

The relation of Masonry to the liquor business continues to claim attention in many Jurisdictions, especially in the South and West. Laws and regulations are quite common to preclude and exclude from Lodges persons engaged in the business, directly and indirectly, or who encourage it, for

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instance, by signing petitions for liquor licenses, etc. Other Grand Lodges, that have not gone so far, have at least banished and prohibited liquors from temples, halls, banquets and other social functions and prohibited Lodge meetings in buildings where liquor is sold. None has yet essayed the ban on liquor drinkers! and the question may be yet asked by the radical (or perhaps by the cynic, in derision): "Is not that the next logical step, for what would become of the liquor business if there were no drinkers? and is the man who patronizes a drinking place any better, morally, than he who serves it to him?"

Investigation of the subject shows that the following Grand Lodges have, by laws, regulations or edicts, barred the doors of Masonry against persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquors:

Arkansas	Nebraska
Alabama	Nevada
California	New Mexico
Colorado	North Dakota
Florida	Oklahoma
Georgia	Oregon
Idaho	South Dakota
Iowa	Tennessee
Kansas	Utah
Kentucky	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming
Montana	

Maine and North Carolina are Prohibition States, and the Grand Lodges presume there are no persons in their Jurisdictions engaged in the liquor business; therefore they consider it unnecessary to legislate on the subject. Michigan

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is reported to have an unwritten law so universal that liquor men cannot get into the Lodges.

It is a subject of many angles. That spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, of pure quality and used in moderation, have their value and uses, particularly as a medicament, is denied only by the extremist. It is the intemperate use of them and the consequent moral and social evils we are mostly concerned about and condemn as a nuisance to be suppressed. If they fill the alms-houses, Masonic Homes, prisons and asylums; if they lower mental, moral and physical manhood; if they are responsible for starving or abandoned families, disorder in the home and crime in the community; in short, if they reduce the moral sense to an inferior quality or value, then it appears that society, and Masonry as a social and moral agency, are concerned with the problem and should take cognizance of it. Indeed, Masonry does concern itself, for it enjoins "that none of the Craft be suffered to convert the purposes of refreshment into intemperance and excess"; and with that in mind it may be cited as an instance that Grand Master GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., excluded liquor from the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia. Who dares or desires to bring it back? It is also the law in this Jurisdiction that "intoxicating liquors will not be permitted at Masonic banquets, or in any Masonic Temple in this Jurisdiction." Pennsylvania Masonry may not, at least, be held directly responsible for the young initiate's introduction to the "drink habit" or for any unseemly revelry within its walls.

Now, if liquor is considered a menace to the well-being of the Masonic organization, either as to the morals of its members or its good name with the outside world, what about the man or Mason who promotes its consumption as a beverage by offering it for sale? This is the subject we started with; and it appears to present complications.

Men who are interested in the liquor traffic, for gain, exist in various gradations. In the lower order, socially, is he who,

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in some mountain fastness, with crude appliance, manufactures "moonshine," while beside him stands a deadly weapon which, in the emergency of capture, he does not hesitate to use upon the revenue officer. Next is the equally desperate outlaw who dispenses liquor in the unlicensed "hole in the wall." Scarcely above him in respectability and decency is the licensed keeper of the grog-shop and brothel where dissolute men and women resort, and where even children are not excluded. These are condemned by respectable society as inferior socially and morally; Masonry does not hesitate to shun them as undesirables. Then we come to a little higher grade—those in immediate touch with the business, the proprietor who gives it his personal attention, his bar-tender, waiters and other employees; neither do these scale high on the social and moral ladder, and Masonry in many communities does not welcome them. Following come the managerial forces who sit in their offices and direct the business of the distillery, the brewery, the restaurant with its cabaret and luxurious allurements, the big hotel where those who have the "price" may be entertained. Finally, there is the real estate owner who leases his property for the liquor business, he who loans money for the same purpose and he who invests in the bonds and stocks of the corporations that manufacture or sell liquors. These latter classes may stand high in the community, in polite society, in citizenship, in business and in church. Do you see to what the problem logically leads—where consistency lies? The important question is, may these various classes be differentiated one from another? Judged by the absolute principles of moral virtue, may a line be drawn between those who are directly interested and engaged in the business—in immediate touch with it—and those who are indirectly interested in it?

It seems unnecessary to discuss the pleas, in his own defense, of the man interested in the liquor business—that he is not responsible for intemperance; that after all the

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“human equation” determines the matter; that the vast majority of consumers are moderate drinkers and that certain men will go to the devil anyway, if not through drink; that he is not his brother’s keeper; that his business is only meeting a natural demand and it is largely recognized as a “legitimate” business; that the saloon is the poor man’s club (if the dues are high!); that “personal liberty” is very much involved in the matter: etc., etc. The fact remains that the business does not have the moral sanction of high-minded society because its tendency is to lower the moral tone of the community; and it may be fairly asserted that, given the same income, ninety-nine per cent. of men in it would prefer to be engaged or interested in some other business.

But to come back to the question, what should be Masonry’s attitude? If it is concerned, then to what extent? We have shown that the unmistakable trend in nearly all Masonic bodies is to divorce liquor from their circles. It would seem to follow that the man interested in promoting its consumption is equally out of place in Masonic circles—unless we may condemn the sin but tolerate the sinner. And it would also appear that, in the name of consistency, no discrimination may be made between any interests of the business. It may be argued that this is entirely a local issue; that each Lodge should determine the matter for itself, in the ballot. That does not meet the principle involved; Masonry is not one thing at one place and another thing at another place within a few miles of each other. Grand Lodges are more and more deciding the question for their constituent Lodges; and as an onlooker of current Masonic events the writer believes that in the not far distant future it will be forced upon the consideration of them all. In Pennsylvania one Grand Body, allied to Masonry, has already declared itself very emphatically on the subject; which will be the next?

It is evident to all who read the signs of the times that the licensed manufacture and sale of liquors are being circum-

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scribed and threatened with ultimate extinction, from several causes. Considered as a moral and social question, the expression of society at the ballot box has pronounced judgment against them in about half the States of the United States and Canada, and the tide is not receding. It is approaching the conservative East; four or five additional States voted "dry" in the elections of the present year—Michigan among them. An equally potent force against the business—by reducing the consumption of liquor—is found in the field of economics. Leaders in the industrial world, who, by legislative enactments, are more and more being held responsible for the safety and well-being of labor, and who are studying the causes of inefficiency of employees, are decreeing that a man's job depends upon his relations with the drinking place. As a cause of promoting temperance, and consequently threatening the liquor business, this may be farther reaching than the causes which grow out of social, moral and political movements. At any rate, the man who looks ahead may see that capital—whether it be his labor or his money—invested in the liquor business is a speculation extra hazardous. And if Masonic organizations (which have not already declared themselves) wait long enough, they may be spared the necessity of dealing with the liquor dealer, because there will not be any. This is the case in two or three Jurisdictions where Grand Lodges have not legislated on the subject, depending upon the State prohibition laws to drive men out of the business.

There is one feature of the situation that disturbs some of us. We enjoy an occasional glass of wine and honestly believe a nip now and then—"for our stomach's sake"—does no harm; that we know how to use it; that it is not *malum in se*. To contemplate the enforced inconvenience in indulging our innocent taste is somewhat disconcerting! The writer mentions this to show that he is discussing the subject from a disinterested standpoint!

The undersigned chairman of the Committee on Corre-

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spondence begs to assure his readers that he alone is responsible and accountable for the foregoing report; he does not assume to represent the Grand Lodge in any expression of views—pertinent or impertinent—touching the interests of the Fraternity. With this assurance the report is

Fraternally submitted,

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